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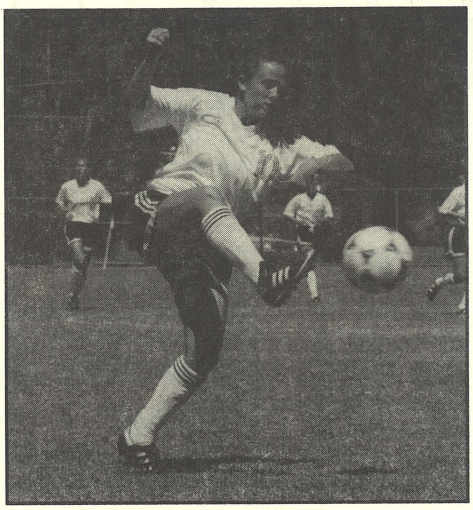
CENTENARY KICKS OFF ATHLETICS CENTENNIAL...

On September 1, Centenary College kicked off its 100th year of intercollegiate athletics when the Centenary Ladies Volleyball team hosted the University of North Texas in historic Haynes Gym.

In the Fall of 1894, Centenary College fielded their first athletics team, in the sport of football. The school, then located in Jackson, Louisiana, took on Louisiana State University and the team then known as the "Ironsides" fell to the Tigers in both team's inaugural affair on the gridirion.

This centennial year is one to celebrate the unique heritage of Centenary College Athletics...past and present.

LADIES SOCCER RANKED NINTH IN SOUTH REGION



Sophomore Jeannette Bingeman
Photo by Dena Rogers

The Centenary Ladies Soccer Team vaulted into the ISAA South Region Top Ten for the first time in school history on September 19, when they garnered a ninth place ranking in one of College Soccer's most respected regions.

The Ladies, now in their third year of existence, defeated two of the region's best teams to enter the poll. Centenary knocked off then 9th-ranked Arkansas, 1-0 on September 4 and then 10th-ranked Mercer, 1-0 on September 12 to enter the poll for the first time.

The Ladies retained their 9th-ranked status for a second straight week after defeating Trans America Athletic Conference foe Georgia State, 4-1 on September 24.

"This is a great moment in the history of our program," said Centenary head coach Glenn Evans. "We have joined elite company and we hope to continue to play well so that we can move into contention for an NCAA berth"

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

FALL, 1908—

Centenary College moves to its present location in Shreveport, Louisiana...The football team, then known as the "Ironsides", defeats Louisiana State Normal (now Northwestern State University) 16-0 to earn their first-ever victory...The Ironsides, under the guidence of head coach **Dr. B.C. Garrett**, battle Louisiana Tech to a 0-0 tie in their only other football game of the season.

OCTOBER 14, 1986—

The Centenary Gents enter the **Midwest Region Soccer Poll** for the first time, as they garner a #10 ranking...The Gents went on to post a 14-5-1 overall record.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1992—

Centenary fields their first-ever women's soccer team and the Ladies defeat West Florida 2-0 in Shreveport...Senior **Shelley McMillian** scores the first goal in the history of the program.

WOMEN'S SOUTH REGION TOP TEN
As of 9/26/94

RK	TEAM	RECORD
1.	North Carolina	10-0-0
2.	Duke	7-0-1
3.	Clemson	6-2-0
4.	Vanderbilt	7-1-0
5.	Central Florida	3-3-1
6.	Texas A&M	5-1-1
7.	Texas	3-3-0
8.	Alabama	8-1-0
9.	CENTENARY	5-2-0
10.	UNC-Greensboro	4-3-1

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BASKETBALL SEASON TICKET DRIVE UNDERWAY...

Season tickets for the 1994-95 basketball season are now on sale at the Gold Dome Ticket Office. To order your season tickets for the 12-game home schedule, call (318) 869-5275.

The Gents, led by 7th year head coach Tommy Vardeman, will begin play on November 19 when they host Vasda in their annual exhibition game.

Centenary will open its 1994-95 regular season when ex-Trans America Athletic Conference rival Arkansas-Little Rock invades the Gold Dome on November 26.

UALR, now coached by ex-Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson, was a TAAC member from 1980-91.

Loyal Gent supporters may remember the fabled Gold Dome series between the two teams that occurred in the four-year period from 1988-1991. The games between the two teams here were decided by a total of 7 points, with Centenary winning the last three games.

Highlights from that series included: a 114-113 overtime win by the Gents in 1989 that set a school record for most points by two teams in a single game; a 113-111 Gent win in 1990 in front of the fourth-largest crowd in Gold Dome history (3,975); a 77-75 Gent victory in 1991 when Patrick Greer hit a baseline jumper with 5 seconds remaining.

Besides the regular TAAC foes, Centenary will also host Stephen F. Austin and the University of Dallas.

1994-95 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sat., Nov. 19	**^VASDA**	**GOLD DOME**	**1:30**
Sat., Nov. 26	**ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Mon., Nov. 28	Rice University	Houston, TX	7:35
Fri., Dec. 2	#Alabama State	Springfield, MO	6:05
Sat., Dec. 3	#Pizza Hut Classic	Springfield, MO	TBA
Tue., Dec. 6	Arkansas (Razorback Network TV)	Fayetteville, AR	7:05
Thur., Dec. 8	**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Sat., Dec. 10	Arkansas-Little Rock	Little Rock, AR	7:05
Sat., Dec. 17	**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN**	**GOLD DOME**	**1:30**
Mon., Jan. 2	*Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, LA	7:15
Wed., Jan. 4	Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX	7:00
Sat., Jan. 7	***SAMFORD**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Mon., Jan. 9	***GEORGIA STATE**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Thur., Jan. 12	*Mercer	Macon, GA	6:30
Sat., Jan. 14	*Stetson	DeLand, FL	6:30
Thur., Jan. 19	***COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Sat., Jan. 21	***CAMPBELL**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Sat., Jan. 28	*Samford	Birmingham, AL	7:05
Mon., Jan. 30	***STETSON**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Sat., Feb. 4	*Florida International	Miami, FL	6:30
Mon., Feb. 6	*Central Florida	Orlando, FL	6:30
Sat., Feb. 11	***CENTRAL FLORIDA** (Homecoming)	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Mon., Feb. 13	***FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Sat., Feb. 18	***SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA**	**GOLD DOME**	**7:05**
Mon., Feb. 20	Tulane	New Orleans, LA	7:00
Thur., Feb. 23	*Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	6:00
Sat., Feb. 25	*Campbell (Fayetteville Cable TV)	Fayetteville, NC	1:00
Th-Sat., Mar. 2-4	TAAC TOURNAMENT	Orlando, FL	TBA

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^ EXHIBITION GAME
* TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (TAAC)
# PIZZA HUT CLASSIC (Southwest Missouri State, Centenary, Alabama State, McNeese)

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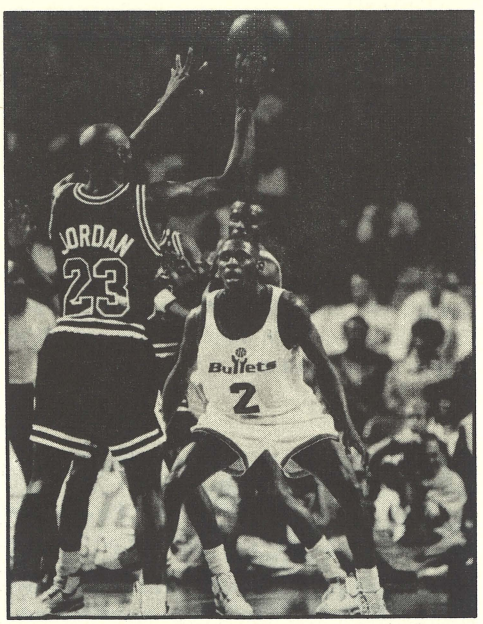
ALUMNI REPORT

Former Centenary basketball star **Larry Robinson** recently signed a multi-year contract with the World Champion Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association.

Robinson, who starred at Centenary from 1988-90, was originally signed by the Rockets last season and was a member of the team when they defeated the New York Knicks in the Best of Seven series last June.

The Bossier City native has also played for the Washington Bullets, Golden State Warriors, and Boston Celtics since helping lead the Gents to the TAAC regular season championship his senior season of 1989-90.



FALL SPORTS HEADLINES...

HYDEN NAMED LOUISIANA WOMAN-OF-THE-YEAR...

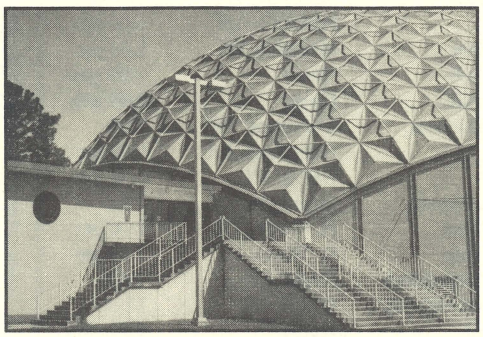
Michele Hyden has been named the 1994 NCAA Woman-of-the-Year for the state of Louisiana.

The two-sport athlete (volleyball and softball) graduated with honors this past May after earning three bachelor degrees. She is currently the assistant volleyball and softball coach.

"This award says a whole lot about what Centenary College stands for," said Centenary Athletic Director **Russ Sharp**. "We strive to make our student-athletes a success both on the field and in the classroom, and Michele is a perfect example of that."

GENTS SOCCER IN THIRD PLACE IN TAAC WEST...

The Centenary Gents soccer team has won five of their last nine games since beginning the year 0-2. Freshman **Rogerio Lima** leads the Gents in scoring with 27 points (9 g, 9a).



The Centenary Ladies volleyball team will begin play in the Gold Dome on October 11.

GENT CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS PAST GRAMBLING...

After dropping a dual-meet with Northwestern State and Northeast Louisiana in the season-opener, the Centenary Gents rebounded to defeat Grambling State 25-30 in one-half of a four-mile dual meet with Louisiana Tech on September 17.

The victory was the first for new head coach **Wayne Rathbun**, and the first win for the Gents over a fellow NCAA Division I opponent since Centenary edged Stetson for eighth place in the 1990 TAAC championships.

Newcomer **Andy Heinzelmann** was the top Gent runner with a time of 24:51.

VOLLEYBALL PREPARES FOR DOME OPENER...

The Centenary Ladies will move the remainder of their volleyball matches into the Gold Dome beginning on October 11 when they host Alcorn State.

"This will provide a better atmosphere for the student-athletes, coaches, and fans," said new Centenary athletic director Russ Sharp.

The Ladies previously played their home games at historic Haynes Gymnasium.

GENT GOLFERS WIN FALL OPENING TOURNAMENT...

The Centenary Gents made a winner of first-year head coach **A.W. "Buck" Fulco** in his debut, as they took home the championship trophy of the ***Sammons Park Invitational*** on September 27.

The Gents won the event, hosted by Mary-Hardin Baylor, by one stroke with a team score of 508. Texas-Pan American was second with a 509 team score.

Trent Hancock led the Gents and finished runner-up in the tourney after firing a 69 on the final day to finish the two-day event with a 141 score. **Ben Young** was next on the team with a 143.

BOLTON CONTINUES AMAZING RUN...

Centenary's 10-0 victory over Stephen F. Austin in Ladies tennis on September 23 was significant in the fact that the team opened their 1994 Fall season on a winning note.

Perhaps even more significant however, was the fact that junior **Melanie Bolton** picked up exactly where she left off last season...by winning both her singles match and doubles match.

You see, Bolton won her 10th straight singles win and 9th straight doubles win dating back to last season.

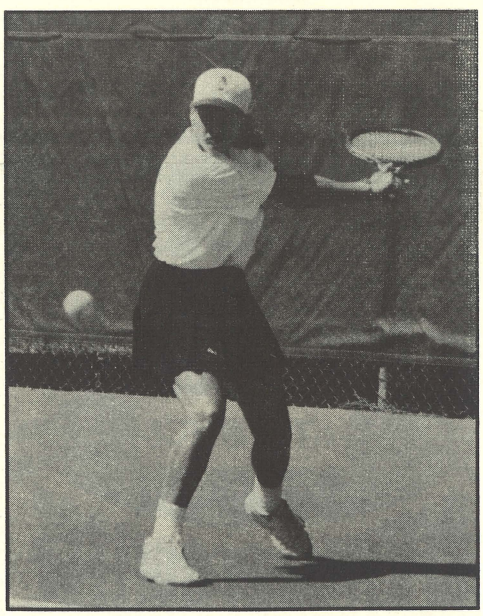
There is not a record listed in the Centenary Ladies Tennis media guide for consecutive victories, but you would have to think that Bolton's run is near the best a player has ever had here.

"I know it's one of the best that we've had since I've been here," said Centenary Director of Tennis **Jimmy Harrison**, now in his 16th year at the helm. "She has really matured into a fine college player."

The Monroe, Louisiana native who graduated from Neville High School in 1991, posted a 16-3 mark last season at number three and number four singles.

Bolton was also the only Centenary tennis player to be named All-Louisiana after posting a 19-6 overall singles record. She also went a perfect 7-0 in singles play against Trans America Athletic Conference opponents in helping the Ladies win a share of their first TAAC West championship, and teamed with **Sally Calogne** to record a 17-4 mark at number two doubles.

Ladies Coach **Pattie Adams** plans to move Bolton up a notch or two in the order this year, and if she continues her amazing run she could lead the Ladies to their first-ever TAAC title this spring.



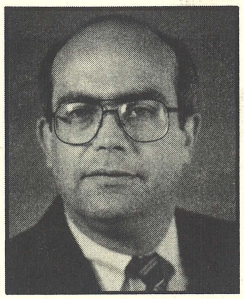
Melanie Bolton has won 10 straight singles matches and 9 straight doubles contests dating back to last season.

Photo by Dena Rogers

OCTOBER SPORTS CALENDAR (All Home Events in Bold)

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
1 (Sat)	Cross-Country	NSU Invitational	Natchitoches, LA	9:00 am
	Gents Soccer	Virginia Tech	Nashville, TN	3:00 pm
	Ladies Soccer	Vanderbilt	Nashville, TN	5:00 pm
2 (Sun)	Ladies Soccer	Christian Bros.	Memphis, TN	1:00 pm
5 (Wed)	**Ladies Soccer**	**Arkansas-L.R.**	**Home**	**1:00 pm**
	Gents Soccer	**Arkansas-L.R.**	**Home**	**3:00 pm**
7 (Fri)	Ladies Tennis	Lamar Tournament	Beaumont, TX	TBA
	Ladies Volleyball	Grambling	Grambling, LA	6:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	SMU	Dallas, TX	7:30 pm
8 (Sat)	Ladies Tennis	Lamar Tournament	Beaumont, TX	TBA
9 (Sun)	Ladies Soccer	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	1:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	3:00 pm
10 (Mon)	Gents Golf	Louisiana Invitational	Slidell, LA	TBA
11 (Tue)	Gents Golf	Louisiana Invitational	Slidell, LA	TBA
	Ladies Volleyball	**Alcorn State**	**Home**	**6:00 pm**
12 (Wed)	Ladies Volleyball	*Samford	Birmingham, AL	7:00 pm
13 (Thur)	Ladies Volleyball	*Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	3:00 pm
	Ladies Soccer	*Campbell	Buies Creek, NC	5:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	*Campbell	Buies Creek, NC	7:00 pm
15 (Sat)	Ladies Tennis	SFA Tournament	Nacogdoches, TX	TBA
	Ladies Volleyball	*Mercer	Macon, GA	10:00 am
	Ladies Volleyball	Jacksonville State	Macon, GA	12:00 pm
	Ladies Soccer	*College of Charleston	Charleston, SC	5:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	*College of Charleston	Charleston, SC	7:00 pm
16 (Sun)	Ladies Tennis	SFA Tournament	Nacogdoches, TX	TBA
17 (Mon)	Ladies Soccer	*Mercer	Macon, GA	1:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	*Mercer	Macon, GA	3:30 pm
19 (Wed)	Ladies Soccer	*Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	1:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	*Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	3:00 pm
21 (Fri)	Cross-Country	NLU Invitational	Monroe, LA	4:30 pm
22 (Sat)	Ladies Volleyball	*Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, LA	1:00 pm
	Ladies Volleyball	Louisiana Tech	Hammond, LA	4:00 pm
23 (Sun)	**Gents Soccer**	**Texas-Pan American**	**Home**	**1:00 pm**
	Ladies Volleyball	Nicholls State	Thibodeaux, LA	2:00 pm
24 (Mon)	Gents Golf	La. Tech Invitational	Ruston, LA	TBA
25 (Tue)	Gents Golf	La. Tech Invitational	Ruston, LA	TBA
29 (Sat)	Cross-Country	TAAC Championships	Orlando, FL	TBA
	Gents Soccer	Southwest Missouri State	Springfield, MO	11:30 am
	Ladies Soccer	Drury	Springfield, MO	2:30 pm
30 (Sun)	Ladies Soccer	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	12:00 pm
	Gents Soccer	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK	2:00 pm
	Ladies Volleyball	Prairie View A&M	Houston, TX	2:00 pm
31 (Mon)	**Basketball**	**Halloween Hoop-La**	**Gold Dome**	**7:00 pm**

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER



BY: RUSS SHARP

My first two months at Centenary have been very busy and productive. I have been very impressed with the quality of our athletic staff and especially our student-athletes, both in the classroom and on the playing field.

I have also been quite impressed by the enthusiasm for Centenary College athletics among the Gent's Club members and the business community. We have introduced our Corporate Partners Program into the business community and have been well received. Also introduced this past month are programs which include our Gent's Kids Pass, Super Sport Pass and Young Alumni Pass. You will be reading more about these new programs in next month's issue.

Thanks to the generosity of several friends of Centenary College Athletics we have begun work on renovating locker rooms for the men's soccer team and the women's soccer, volleyball and softball teams. Plans are also moving ahead quickly on the relocation and expansion of our training room, which will really have a great impact on all of our student-athletes.

I'm proud to be at Centenary and I'm looking forward to working for you and our athletic programs. I hope to see you all at the ***3rd annual Halloween Hoop-La*** on Monday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 pm in the Gold Dome.

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CENTENARY LADIES SOCCER... TAAC WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPS!

1994 TAAC WEST CHAMPIONS (L to R): Front Row- Jeanette Bingeman, Kristin Morgan, Brandy Rentz, Leah Frierson and Kristen Mavico. **Middle Row-** Kathy Brashears, Krista Camplen, Allison Gutierrez, Angela Ratliff, Debra Pratt, Amy Mieger and Lisa Robertson. **Top Row-** Carrie Phillips, Sherri Blake, Shelley Marusak, Martha Chaney, Wendy Eckstrom, Ashley Jaye and Michelle Petrik.
Photo by Cowen

A school record 14-win season, a pair of berths in the ISAA South Region Top 10, and a Trans America Athletic Conference Western Division Championship highlighted the 1994 Centenary Ladies soccer season.

Five team records were tied or broken in Centenary's third season of women's soccer. The Ladies established new highs in most games played (19), most games won (14), most road wins (8), best won-loss percentage (.737), and longest winning streak (5 games).

The Ladies, who finished the season 14-5-0 after a 4-1 TAAC Tournament loss to Florida International on November 4, compiled the league's best overall and divisional record.

Juniors **Shelley Marusak**, **Kathy Brashears**, and **Martha Chaney** were the backbone of the team. Marusak, a forward, led the team and finished the season ranked 17th in the nation with 44 points (19 goals, 6 assists) on way to earning first-team All-TAAC honors for the second straight season. Brashears finished second on the team in scoring with 19 points (9 goals, 1 assist) from her midfield position to also earn first-team All-TAAC. Chaney earned second-team All-TAAC for the second straight season after recording a 1.47 g.a.a. and eight shutouts in goal for the Ladies.

Sophomore **Krista Camplen** (5 goals, 5 assists) also earned All-TAAC second-team honors in the midfield for the second straight year, while defender **Ashley Jaye** earned a spot on the league's second team as a freshman. Head Coach **Glenn Evans** was named was named TAAC Coach-of-the-Year.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

NOVEMBER 11, 1939—

Centenary and Texas Tech stage one of the most unusual games in College football history in their 0-0 tie in Shreveport...The two teams combined to set an NCAA Record with 77 punts on a field almost entirely underwater...Texas Tech punter **Charles Calhoun** established his own NCAA Record when he booted the ball away 39 times for the Red Raiders, while Centenary's 38 punts were handled by two players- **Weenie Bynum** and **Max Bowerman**.

NOVEMBER 4, 1989—

Centenary's **Scott Odom** blasts a 35-yard shot into the upper left corner of the net in the 140th minute to lift the Gents to a 4-3 sudden-death overtime win over Georgia State and give the team their second straight TAAC soccer title.

NOVEMBER 2, 1992—

The Centenary Ladies volleyball team sets a school single-match record by recording 28 aces versus crosstown rival LSU-Shreveport.

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CENTENARY BASKETBALL TIPS OFF THIS MONTH...
GENTS RUN PAST VASDA USA IN ONLY EXHIBITION GAME

Centenary basketball made a successful return to the hardwood on Saturday, November 19 when the Gents hosted Vasda USA in their annual exhibition game at 1:30 pm. Centenary's **Jamar Comeaux** (19 pts), **Aljay Foreman** (17 pts), **Anthony Stephens** (16 pts, 11 assists), and **James Thomas** (10 pts, 17 reb.) led the Gents to an 88-78 win.

The Gents, who return three starters off last year's 16-12 finish, will open their 1994-95 regular season on Saturday, November 26 when ex-Trans America Athletic Conference rival Arkansas-Little Rock invades the Gold Dome at 7:05 pm.

UALR, now a member of the Sun Belt Conference, regularly played the Gents in the Gold Dome as members of the TAAC from 1980-91. The two teams created a rivalry since unmatched in the TAAC from 1988-91, as their meetings in the Gold Dome produced sellout crowds and thrilling high-scoring contests.

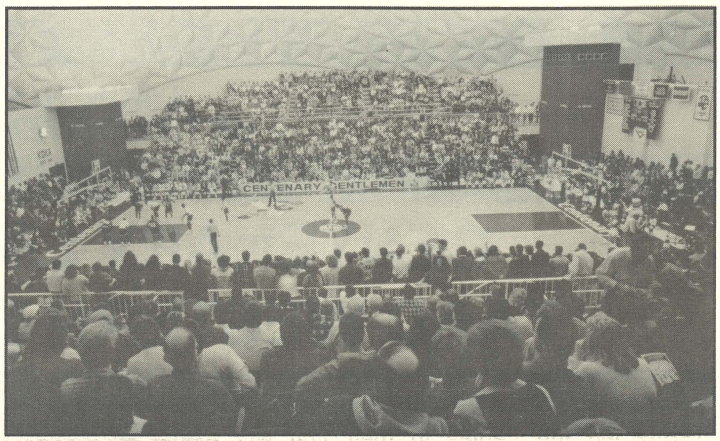
The last four games between the two in Shreveport were decided by a total of just seven points, with Centenary winning the last three games thanks to shots in the final seconds.

The Trojans went 13-15 overall last season, but return three starters and eight lettermen to go with six newcomers. Perhaps the biggest newcomer of all is head coach Wimp Sanderson, who produced plenty of winning seasons and plaid jackets at Alabama prior to joining UALR.

Centenary head coach **Tommy Vardeman** returns for his sixth season at the helm of the Gents in 1994-95. The dean of TAAC head coaches has a senior-laiden squad who hopes to compete for a TAAC title.

Junior guards **Aljay Foreman** (12.6 ppg, 3.5 apg) and **Anthony Stephens** (8.0 ppg, 3.7 apg) return to the starting lineup this season. Foreman hit a near school and TAAC record 89 three-pointers last season and finished 23rd in the nation with 3.2 treys per contest. Stephens is the teams offensive catalyst, who led the Gents to a 13-6 start last season before suffering a torn thumb ligament that required surgery following Centenary's 79-74 victory over Rice.

Senior swingmen **Jamar Comeaux** (9.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg) and **James Harvey** (6.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg) will compete for a starting spot in the lineup. Comeaux finished the season as a starter and scored a Centenary season-high 34 points versus eventual TAAC Tournament champion Central Florida last season. Harvey started 17 games last season, including the first seven.



THE CENTENARY AND UALR RIVALRY PRODUCED SELLOUT CROWDS AND FANTASTIC FINISHES FROM 1988-1991.

Seniors **James Thomas** (6.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg), **Trenton Smith** (5.4 ppg), **Josh Wagoner** (5.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg), and **Lucien Bianchi** also return to provide leadership and battle for starting spots at their respective positions. Also back for another year are 1993-94 redshirts **Walter Camper**, **Todd Martinez**, and **Paxton Ross**. Camper was on the verge of breaking into the starting lineup two years ago as a true freshman before suffering a season-ending injury. He sat out all of last season and has three years of eligibility remaining.

Four newcomers will grace the Gents roster in 1994-95. Junior College transfers **Lincoln Abrams** (18.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg at New Mexico Military Institute) and **Joe Harris** (8.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg at Bossier Parish Community College) will try to earn starting spots down low. Freshman **Herbert Lang** (22.1 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 7.0 apg) provides the Gents with another explosive point guard, while sophomore **Chad Rumfelt** will have to sit out the 1994-95 season after transferring from West Florida.

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FALL SPORTS HEADLINES...

LADIES FINISH STRONG IN VOLLEYBALL...

The Centenary Ladies volleyball team came on strong late in the year to give the squad something to build upon in 1995.

The Ladies, who finished the season with a 3-20 overall record, notched their first win of the year with a 3-2 victory over Alcorn State on October 11 in their first appearance in the Gold Dome since 1986.

Centenary set a school single-match record with 77 kills against the Lady Braves to snap a 19-match losing streak dating back to last season. Freshman **Angela Soliz** led the Ladies in their first win, collecting 22 kills. Junior **Sharon Tallach** added a career high 17 kills, while sophomore **Tara Hammack** equalled her freshman total with 15 kills.

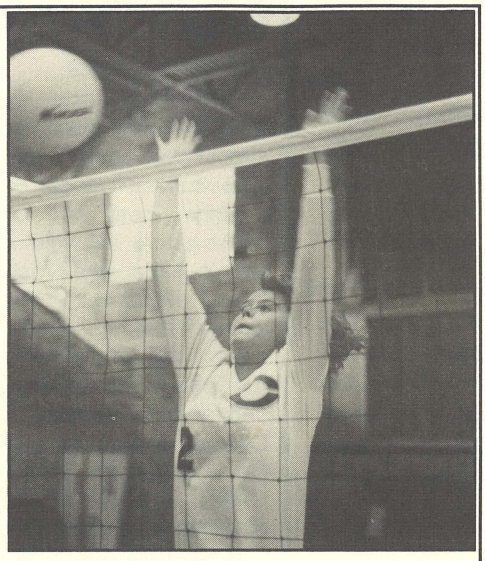
After embarking on a 10-match road trip, the Ladies returned to the Gold Dome and defeated Grambling State 3-1 in the final match of a tri-match with Nicholls State on November 1.

Centenary would also notch their first road win since 1992 when they defeated Alcorn State again by a score of 3-2 the following game on November 3.

Soliz again led the way, setting a school record with 30 kills in the match. Sophomore **Pilar Hemmer** added 20 kills in the Ladies triumph.

Although Centenary would drop two straight to end the season, the Ladies put a scare into area rival Northwestern State in the season finale on November 8 at the Gold Dome. Hammack had 12 kills in the 3-2 loss (15-13 in game five), which was the final game for lone senior **Kristy Risner**.

Centenary head coach **Laneigh Clark** returns all six starters, two other lettermen, and redshirt **Robin Rackley** to the lineup when the team hits the court again in 1995.



Tara Hammack came on late in the year to help the Ladies win two straight matches.
Photo by Dena Rogers

GENTS FINISH 9th IN HAL SUTTON INVITATIONAL...

The Centenary golf team finished ninth in the 11th annual Hal Sutton Invitational Tournament that was hosted by the Gents at Northwood CC on November 7-8.

Texas-San Antonio won the 54-hole event by one stroke, edging McNeese State for the title after shooting a 886 team score.

Mark Popp of McNeese State won medalist honors with a final score of 212, one stroke better than Texas Lutheran's Jeff Lamp. Lamp tied a *Sutton Invitational* record with a 67 in his final round.

Centenary's **Michael Love** finished in a tie for fourth in the individual standings after carding a three-round total of 219. Love was in contention for medalist honors after the first two rounds, but shot a 77 on the final day. Other Gent scores included: **Ben Young**, 233 (T-33); **James Schilling**, 237 (T-44); **Trent Hancock**, 238 (T-47); **Russell Sullivan**, 241 (T-53).

CENTENARY ENDS CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON...

Both the Centenary Ladies and Gents ended their 1994 cross-country seasons with 10th place finishes at the TAAC Championships in Orlando, Florida on October 29. **Callie Stanley** crossed the finish line first for the Ladies, while **Scott Jackson** finished first for the Gents.

LIMA SPARKS GENTS SOCCER...

Freshman forward **Rogerio Lima** made an immediate impact on the 1994 Centenary Gents soccer team, lifting the squad to their best season in three years.

Lima, a native of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, racked up 38 points (13 goals, 12 assists) to finish the season ranked 18th in the nation and first in the Midwest Region in scoring.

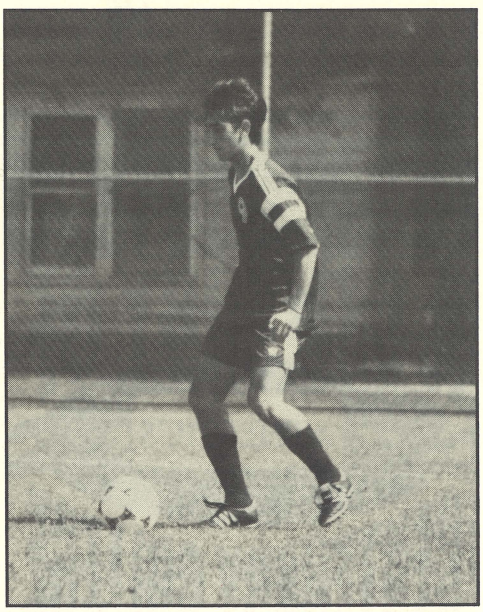
The Gents, who finished their campaign with a 9-9-0 overall record, were 10 seconds short of gaining their first TAAC Tournament appearance since 1991. Georgia State, who needed to defeat Campbell by two or more goals to advance to the TAAC Tournament, led the Fighting Camels by only one goal with 10 seconds left in regulation in the final game of the regular season divisional race. GSU then deliberately kicked the ball into their own net to send the game into overtime. A tie between the two teams or a GSU one-goal victory would have sent the Gents to the TAAC Tournament, but Campbell scored on a penalty kick in overtime to overtake Centenary for the final spot.

Still, it was quite a successful season for both the Gents and Lima. After being picked to finish fifth in the TAAC Western Division, the Gents defeated league foes Campbell, Georgia State, and Mercer to tie for second in the division.

Lima was Centenary's lone first-team All-TAAC selection, scoring in 14 of 18 games, including 12 multi-point efforts.

"Rogerio was a key reason why we had a positive season," said Centenary Head Coach **Glenn Evans**. "The great thing about it is that we will have him and all but two letterman back next season."

Centenary's **Matt Thornton** (second team), **Scott Yerby** (second team), and **Toby Maxson** (honorable mention) also earned All-TAAC honors.



Rogerio Lima finished the season with the fifth-best scoring year in school history after posting an impressive 38 points.
Photo by Dena Rogers

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

NOVEMBER

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
19 (Sat)	**Basketball**	**Vasda (Exhibition)**	**1:30**
26 (Sat)	**Basketball**	**Arkansas-L.R.**	**7:05**
28 (Mon)	Basketball	at Rice	7:35

DECEMBER

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
2 (Fri)	Basketball	Alabama State	6:05
3 (Sat)	Basketball	Pizza Hut Classic	TBA
6 (Tue)	Basketball	Arkansas	7:05
8 (Thur)	**Basketball**	**Univ. of Dallas**	**7:05**
10 (Sat)	Basketball	Arkansas-L.R.	7:05
17 (Sat)	**Basketball**	**Stephen F. Austin**	**1:30**

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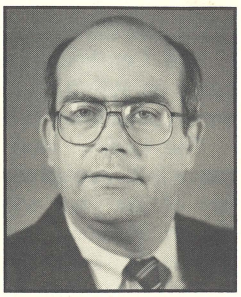

The Fall semester is winding down but our athletic teams have been busy racking up successes since I last wrote to you. The volleyball team closed out an improved year on a winning note with a strong finish. You may not be aware, but we moved all of the volleyball team's games and practices to the Gold Dome from Haynes Gym. The men's soccer team also finished the season on a strong note after a slow start and placed several on the TAAC All-Conference Team. Our women's soccer team had another outstanding season, capturing the TAAC Western Division Championship. The Ladies traveled to Orlando to represent Centenary in the TAAC Tournament. I can't be more proud of our Ladies. All of our athletic teams have been active this Fall and their activities have been highlighted in this issue.

Basketball has kicked into action with an impressive win over VASDA USA this past weekend, and I know that Tommy Vardeman is looking forward to an exciting season. By the time you receive this we will hopefully have notched a win over Arkansas-Little Rock.

I am proud to announce that we recently formed several partnerships with area corporations. Centenary and **HCA Highland Hospital** have created a sports medicine partnership that will allow our student-athletes to receive the finest in care and the services of a certified athletic trainer. **Taco Bell**, **Caraway Travel**, **TWA** and **Cablevision of Shreveport** have also been added as corporate partners during the past month. I appreciate these fine businesses and would encourage you to let them know it.

During the month of December we will formally announce our ***"Be 'A' Gent's Fan" Program***. This program is designed to reward every "straight A" Caddo Parish elementary school student with a ticket to one of our many athletic events. This program has been made possible by **The Times** and **South Central Bell**.

Thanks again for your support of Centenary College Athletics, and I hope to see you at a basketball game very soon.

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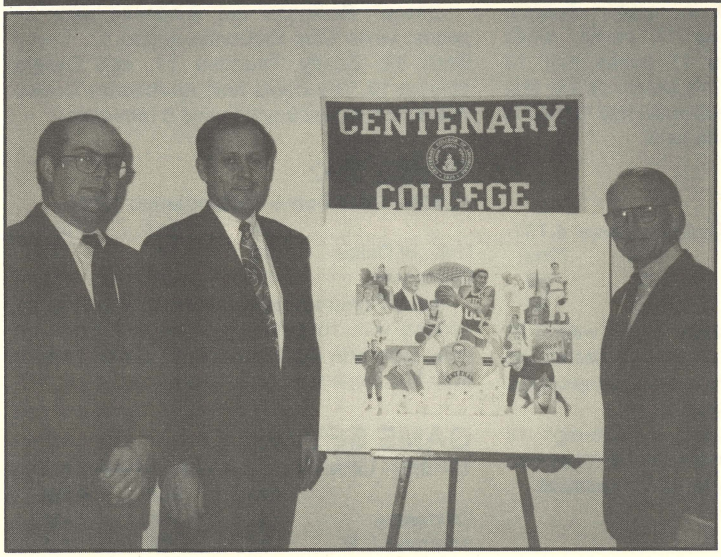

CENTURY OF CENTENARY ATHLETICS CENTENNIAL PRINT

Centenary Director of Athletics Russ Sharp (left), President Kenneth Schwab, and Artist Ron Rice (right) stand by the Century of Centenary Athletics Centennial Print that was recently completed. For more information see related story on page 3.

BASKETBALL GENTS BREAK FOR HOLIDAYS

The Centenary Gents basketball team concluded the 1994 portion of their schedule with a thrilling 115-107 victory over Stephen F. Austin at the Gold Dome on Saturday, December 17.

Centenary, off to a 3-5 start this season, trailed SFA 51-49 at halftime before going on a 28-9 run to start the second half. Aljay Foreman led the Gents back from the halftime deficit, as the junior from Beaumont, Texas dropped in six of his seven three-pointers in the first seven minutes of the second stanza to finish with a team-high 24 points.

After beginning the year 1-4, the Gents rebounded to win two of the final three games before breaking for the Christmas Holidays. All five of Centenary's losses have been issued by opponents who were a combined 18-3 overall.

The Gents will return to action on January 2, 1995 when they visit Southeastern Louisiana in the Trans America Athletic Conference opener.

Following a rematch at SFA on January 4, the Gents will return home on January 7 when they host TAAC rival Samford at the Gold Dome at 7:05 pm.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

DECEMBER 21, 1894—
Centenary College, located in Jackson, Louisiana, fields their first athletic team on record. The football team, then known as the "Ironsides", was defeated 32-0 by LSU.

DECEMBER, 1927—
Centenary whips Louisville 59-2 to end the football season as the only major team in the country with a perfect 10-0-0 record.

DECEMBER, 1933—
Centenary posts their second straight unbeaten season after tying Arkansas 7-7 in the Dixie Bowl (now the Cotton Bowl). The Gents, 8-0-4 overall, had three players selected to various All-America teams, including: Paul Geisler, Manning Smith, and Harold "Shorty" Oslin.

DECEMBER 22, 1972—
Freshman Robert Parish hits 25-of-37 shots from the field to score a school-record 50 points in Centenary's 95-81 victory over Lamar in Beaumont, Texas.

DECEMBER 9, 1994—
Centenary trounces Wiley College 115-63 to set the school record for largest margin of victory.

Ex-football star **PAUL GEISLER** was named All-America by three wire services in 1933.

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CENTENARY BASKETBALL GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME ONE:

11/26/94- Gold Dome -Attendance: 1,887

	1st	2nd	Final
Arkansas-L.R.	47	39	86
Centenary	38	39	77

Arkansas-Little Rock used an 8-0 run midway through the first half to break a tie game and the Trojans held on to defeat Centenary 86-77 in the season-opener.

The Gents and Trojans traded baskets in the early going, before UALR hit two three-pointers and a layup in a span of 1:22 to take a 24-16 lead.

UALR made a winner of ex-Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson in his debut, thanks in part to .575 shooting (19-of-33) from the field in the first half and Malik Dixon's career-high 30 points.

Centenary was led by **Anthony Stephens'** career-high 24 points, including a Gold Dome record-tying 12-for-12 performance at the free throw line. **James Thomas** added a career-high 17 rebounds off the bench in the losing effort.

GAME TWO:

11/28/94-Houston, Tx-Attendance: 1,538

	1st	2nd	Final
Centenary	28	28	56
Rice	42	40	82

Poor shooting by Centenary and Rice's 12-0 run early in the game led the Owls to an 82-56 win at Autry Court.

Centenary, led by **Jamar Comeaux** and **James Thomas'** 10 points each, shot .293 (17-of-58) from the field and hit just 3-of-19 (.158) three-pointers.Tommy McGhee led Rice with 19.

GAME THREE:

12/2/94- Springfield, MO- Attendance: 450

	1st	2nd	Final
Centenary	34	51	85
Alabama State	29	45	74

Aljay Foreman scored 19 points, all in the second half, to lead the Gents to their first victory of the season in the first round of the Pizza Hut Classic.

The Gents trailed 20-18 in the game before **Luc Bianchi** and **Lincoln Abrams** combined to score 14 straight Centenary points and give the Gents a 32-26 lead.

Five Gents scored in double figures. **Anthony Stephens** had 14 points, while **James Thomas** added 11 points and 12 rebounds. Abrams had 14 points in his first start of the season, while Bianchi had 10 points on 4-of-5 shooting from the field.

GAME FOUR:

12/3/94- Springfield, MO- Attendance: 6,791

	1st	2nd	Final
Centenary	29	30	59
SW Missouri St.	25	43	68

Centenary led the hosts 47-45 with 8:23 remaining, but a 14-0 run by SMS sealed the Gents' fate in a 68-59 loss in the Championship game of the Pizza Hut Classic.

Anthony Stephens had a team-high 15 points, while **Lincoln Abrams** added 11 points. **Aljay Foreman** was named All-Tournament.

GAME FIVE:

12/6/94- Fayetteville, AR- Attendance:20,014

	1st	2nd	Final
Centenary	45	49	94
#3 Arkansas	58	63	121

Centenary gave defending national champion Arkansas all it could handle in the first half, but a slow start to the second stanza lifted the third-ranked Hogs to victory in front of the largest crowd in Centenary history.

The Gents led 28-27 with 9:31 remaining in the first half, and trailed just 50-45 after an **Anthony Stephens** three-pointer with 3:04 left in the opening period.

Arkansas though closed the half with an 8-0 run and opened the second half with a 29-7 run to put the game away. Included in the second half run was a 19-0 spurt by Arkansas in a span of 2:30.

Aljay Foreman led the Gents with 24 points, including a career-high 8 three-pointers. Stephens added 14 points while **James Thomas** contributed with 11 points.

Darnell Robinson led Arkansas with 24 points, while Clint McDaniel added 17, Corey Beck 13, Scotty Thurman 11, and Dwight Stewart 10. The Gents held All-America Corliss Williamson to just 9 points and 5 rebounds.

GAME SIX:

12/8/94- Gold Dome - Attendance: 1,744

	1st	2nd	Final
Univ. of Dallas	29	36	65
Centenary	51	46	97

Aljay Foreman led six Gents in double figure scoring with 16 points, as Centenary had an easy time with the University of Dallas to earn their first home win of the season.

GAME SEVEN:

12/10/94- Little Rock, AR - Attendance: 4,103

	1st	2nd	Final
Centenary	30	39	69
Arkansas-L.R.	48	53	101

It was all UALR after a 12-4 Centenary run to begin the game, as the Trojans took the rematch in convincing fashion. Malik Dixon had 21 points for UALR, while **Jamar Comeaux** led the Gents with 15 points.

GAME EIGHT:

12/17/94- Gold Dome - Attendance: 1,833

	1st	2nd	Final
Stephen F. Austin	51	56	107
Centenary	49	66	115

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FALL SPORTS HEADLINES...

HYDEN NAMED LADIES VOLLEYBALL COACH...

Centenary College Director of Athletics **Russ Sharp** recently announced the hiring of **Michele Hyden** as head coach of the Ladies' Volleyball team.

Hyden, 23, was a standout student-athlete at Centenary from 1989-94. The two-sport athlete in volleyball and softball ranks as one of the top five career assist leaders and holds the school record for assists in a match as a volleyball player. She graduated last May with honors after earning degrees in Accounting, Business, and Economics.

Hyden replaces **Laneigh Clark**, who has served as the Ladies' volleyball and softball coach the last four years. Clark will remain the head coach of the Ladies' softball team and will further concentrate on her role as Senior Women's Administrator. She will also serve as the Assistant Volleyball Coach.

"We are very fortunate to have someone of Michele's caliber to lead the volleyball team," said Sharp. "It will also allow Laneigh to focus more on the softball team as well as her position as Senior Women's Administrator."

Earlier this year, Hyden was named Louisiana's NCAA Woman-of-the-Year for her excellance as a student-athlete.

THE THREE-POINT ATTACK SCOREBOARD...

Centenary head coach Tommy Vardeman and the Centenary College Gentlemen are working with the American Cancer Society and The Three-Point Attack / Coaches vs. Cancer Program. This exciting basketball event will raise funds to support American Cancer Society programs of research, education and service.

Here's how it works. Simply pledge a dollar amount for every three-point shot made by the Gents during the regular season. At the end of the season, the total funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society.

Through the first eight games of the season, Centenary has hit **68** 3-pointers for an average of **8.5 per game**. There are 18 games left in the regular season, so there is still time to make your pledge!

For more information on how you can become a sponsor for the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Three-Point Attack, call **1-800-345-TEAM**, or write:

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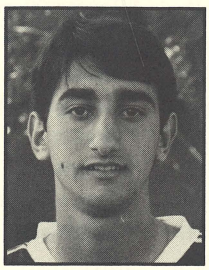


Rogerio Lima was recently selected to the All-Midwest Region Soccer Team.

Lima led the Gents in every offensive category and scored 38 points (13 g, 12 a) in a 9-9 season. The native of Belo Horizonte, Brazil led the Region in scoring and was the only freshman selected to the First Team.

CENTENARY ANNOUNCES CENTURY OF CENTENARY ATHLETICS PRINT...

The Centenary Athletic Department is proud to announce the completion of an art print which celebrates the first hundred years of Centenary College athletics.

The print, done by well known local artist Ron Rice, features several campus landmarks as well as athletes and coaches from Centenary's sports past.

Each copy of the print will be signed and numbered, and will be offered in a limited edition beginning in January.

Details regarding the offering will be made public in the next few weeks. Proceeds from the sale will go towards student-athlete scholarships.

BIANCHI MAKING THE MOST OF HIS FINAL SEASON

After two trying seasons, senior guard-forward **Lucien Bianchi** is finally seeing his hard work and dedication pay off.

Through his first six games of this season, Bianchi is averaging 6.7 points and 12.3 minutes a game off the bench.

The two-time All-TAAC Academic Team selection also ***ranks fourth in the nation*** in three-point field goal percentage after connecting on 10 of his 15 attempts (.667) in the early going.

Bianchi, whose father Al is a former NBA player who currently scouts for the Phoenix Suns, transferred to Centenary from Eastern Arizona Junior College prior to the 1992-93 season. He struggled through a series of injuries and eratic play in his first two seasons as a Gent.

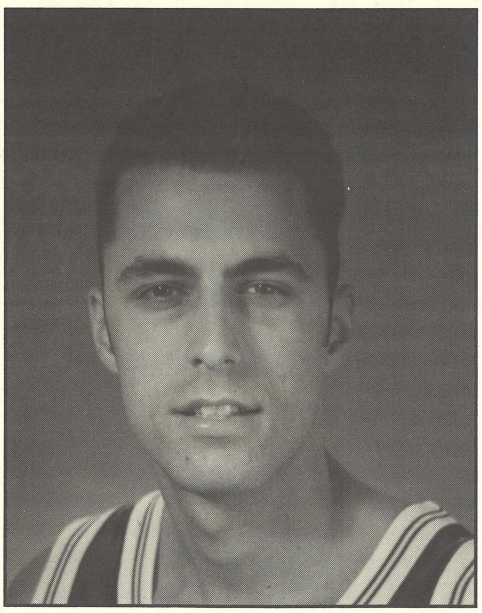
In his first season at Centenary, Bianchi started three games and averaged 2.4 points and 1.1 rebounds per game. He showed flashes of steady play, such as a nine-point efffort at TCU and a five assist outing at Colorado before suffering a late season injury.

Last season, Bianchi played in seven of the first 10 games off the bench, but a foot injury would force him to miss the last 17 games of the season.

"I guess I'm finally healthy," admits Bianchi, who is scheduled to graduate this May with a Liberal Arts degree. "I also feel like I'm giving it a little extra since this is my senior year."

Bianchi's surge this season started at the Pizza Hut Classic, where he connected on 7-of-8 shots from the field and scored 17 points in two games. He would also drop in a couple of three's at Arkansas before scoring a career-high 11 points versus the University of Dallas.

"I'm so proud of Luc," said Vardeman. "He's proof that if a person works long enough and hard enough, things will pay off for them in the long run."



Lucien Bianchi ranks fourth in the nation in three-point field goal percentage (.667) after hitting 10 of his 15 attempts this year.
Photo by Jim Hudelson

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JANUARY

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
2 (Mon)	Basketball	*Southeastern LA.	7:15
4 (Wed)	Basketball	Stephen F. Austin	7:00
7 (Sat)	**Basketball**	***Samford**	**7:05**
9 (Mon)	**Basketball**	***Georgia State**	**7:05**
12 (Thur)	Basketball	*Mercer	6:30
14 (Sat)	Basketball	*Stetson	6:30
19 (Thur)	**Basketball**	***Coll. of Charleston**	**7:05**
21 (Sat)	**Basketball**	***Campbell**	**7:05**
27 (Fri)	Gymnastics	LSU	7:30
28 (Sat)	**W Tennis**	**Texas-Arlington**	**10:00**
	M Tennis	**Texas-Arlington**	**1:00**
	Basketball	*Samford	7:05
30 (Mon)	**Basketball**	***Stetson**	**7:05**

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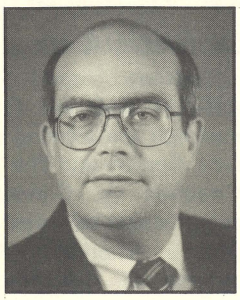

DEAR GENTS CLUB MEMBER,

In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to thank each of you for making my first five months at Centenary an outstanding time in my life. I have been very pleased by the support of the athletic program from the Gents Club and our corporate sponsors.

Our basketball team has endured a slow start because of extremely tough competition. I think that we were all very pleased by the team's performance at Arkansas.

The new year will herald many exciting accomplishments in the athletic department. We will be moving into our new training room in the Gold Dome and the new women's volleyball-softball locker room will be completed by early January. Planning is underway to develop a far-sighted plan to improve our soccer-softball-baseball complex.

We will introduce our Century of Centenary Athletics collector's print during January. Local artist Ron Rice has completed this wonderful print which highlights many campus scenes as well as individuals who have played a vital role in Centenary College Athletics past and present. Proceeds from the sale of this print will go to fund student-athlete scholarships.

I would like to remind each of you to take advantage of the Gents Club Reception Room on the top level of the Gold Dome in the Northeast corner during home basketball games this season. Thanks to the hospitality of Coca-Cola and Eagle Distributing, we have a nice menu of snacks available.

Thanks again for your support and I hope that each of you will have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Russ Sharp

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The athletic department is always in need of items of value from our friends. Many of these items are needed now to support projects designed to benefit our student-athletes, including our new training room and a future student-athlete computer lab.

*Office Chairs	*Office Partitions
*Office Desks	*Bookcases
*Filing Cabinets	*Ceiling Tile
*Computers	*Ice Machine

Please contact Russ Sharp at 869-5087 if you can help. Thanks!

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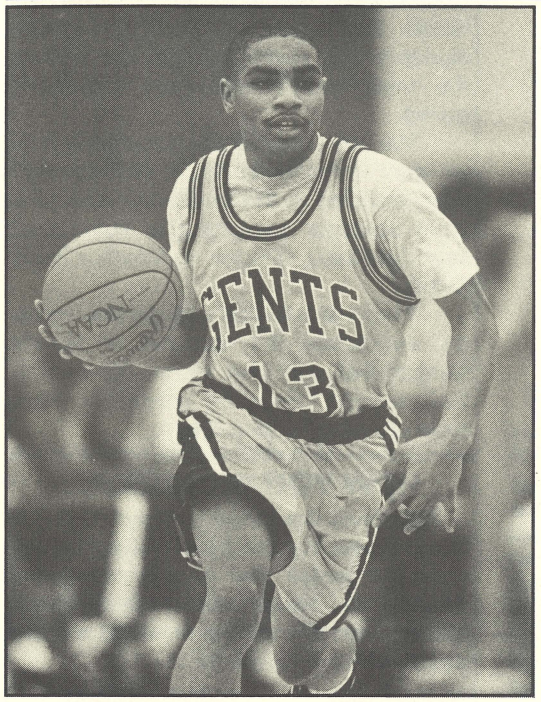

JUNIOR ANTHONY STEPHENS LEADS THE TAAC WITH 7.0 ASSISTS PER GAME.

BASKETBALL GENTS AT MIDWAY POINT OF THE SEASON...

The Centenary basketball team has reached the midway point of the season, and has struggled out of the gates with a 3-11 overall record (0-5 in the TAAC).

Centenary, 16-12 overall last season, was 3-5 when the team broke for the Christmas Holidays following a 115-107 victory over Stephen F. Austin.

The Gents though sufferred five straight losses by eight points or less when they returned to play in January.

Included in the close losses were: A 100-92 defeat at Southeastern Louisiana in the TAAC opener on January 2 when the Gents trailed by just two with 2:55 remaining; A 95-92 loss at Stephen F. Austin on January 4 when the Gents led by one with 1:55 remaining; A 78-70 loss to Samford on January 7 when Centenary led 62-58 with 5:53 remaining; A 66-65 loss to Georgia State on January 9 after the Gents led by one with 35 seconds left, only to be called for basket interference with five seconds remaining.

Despite the poor start, Centenary players continue to be ranked in the Top 25 of several NCAA Categories.

Lucien Bianchi leads the nation in three-point field goal percentage after connecting on 65.4% (17-of-26) of his shots. He recently won the ***AT&T Long Distance Award*** for being the top long-distance gunner in the nation for the first part of the season.

Aljay Foreman is 23rd in the country averaging 3.3 three-pointers per game, while **Anthony Stephens** ranks 14th in the nation with 7.3 assists per game.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

JAN. 29, 1957— Milton "Chief" Williams, who would eventually be named "Little All-America", set a school record by hitting all of his free throws vs. Northwestern State.

JAN. 7, 1984— Albert "Bobo" Thomas sets a still-standing TAAC record by hitting 17 field goals in a 95-82 loss at Mercer... Thomas finished the game with 37 points.

JAN. 16, 1984— Willie Jackson scores 41 points to lead Centenary to a 78-65 win over Northeast Louisiana.

JAN. 18, 1990— Larry Robinson sets a TAAC record after recording 9 steals in a 112-97 victory at Stetson.

JAN. 13, 1992— Trenton Smith hits a school record 9 three-pointers as Centenary nails a TAAC record 18 treys in a 128-89 victory over East Texas Baptist.

JAN. 27, 1994— Jamar Comeaux pours in 34 points and grabs 11 rebounds in Centenary's 89-82 loss to Central Florida in the Gold Dome.

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FALL, 1994
CENTENARY STUDENT-ATHLETE HONOR ROLL

3.000 GPA or Better

NAME	SPORT
Paul Berry	X-Country
Tim Dayton	X-Country
Elton Graugnard	X-Country
Andy Heinzelmann	X-Country
Lori May	X-Country
Brittany Nutt	X-Country
Callie Stanley	X-Country
Christine Turner	X-Country
Melissa Delgatto	Gymnastics
Jennifer Hass	Gymnastics
Christin Horn	Gymnastics
Dawn Montague	Gymnastics
Michelle Mullins	Gymnastics
Stacy Sokol	Gymnastics
Veronica Stuart	Gymnastics
Jolie Veilleux	Gymnastics
Amy Warren	Gymnastics
Stephen Simpson	Golf
Russell Sullivan	Golf
Ben Young	Golf
Kevin Beaver	Baseball
Jeff Blackstone	Baseball
Jon Chamberlain	Baseball
Jeff Conrad	Baseball
Brian Kelly	Baseball
Rob Kenney	Baseball
Ryan Lawrence	Baseball
Mike Matthews	Baseball
Ben Pirtle	Baseball
David Turkoly	Baseball
Cara Couvillion	Softball
Angell Floyd	Softball
Sherry Havard	Softball
Christie Hulsey	Softball
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Michelle Reeve	Softball
Lane Alexander	Rifle
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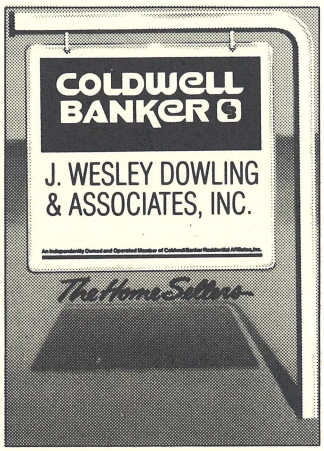
Malana Mack	Rifle



Ashley McClaran	Rifle
Kelley McCrary	Rifle
Abbra Thomason	Rifle
Jeanette Bingeman	Soccer
Sherri Blake	Soccer
Kathy Brashears	Soccer
Krista Camplen	Soccer
Martha Chaney	Soccer
Wendy Eckstrom	Soccer
Allison Gutierrez	Soccer
Ashley Jaye	Soccer
Shelley Marusak	Soccer
Kristen Mavico	Soccer
Michelle Petrik	Soccer
Debra Pratt	Soccer
Angela Ratliff	Soccer
Brandy Rentz	Soccer
Lisa Robertson	Soccer
Melanie Bolton	Tennis
Sally Calogne	Tennis
Katrina Ernesto	Tennis
Holly Hatten	Tennis
Mandy Soderberg	Tennis
Heidi Zimmerman	Tennis

Marc Castillo	Soccer
Tim Chastain	Soccer
Casey Danahey	Soccer
Scott Garrick	Soccer
Jona Husbands	Soccer
Rogerio Lima	Soccer
Keegan McConnell	Soccer
Charles Mentesana	Soccer
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Kevin Rice	Soccer
Dell Taylor	Soccer
Thuan Thai	Soccer
Matt Thornton	Soccer
Danny Warren	Soccer
Neal Williams	Soccer
Joseph Biedenharn	Tennis
Ashwin Damodaran	Tennis
Davor Ivancic	Tennis
Chris Jandebeur	Tennis
Mark Kile	Tennis
James Love	Tennis
Brent Waguespack	Tennis
Eddie Wicker	Tennis
Julie Baldwin	Volleyball
Pilar Hemmer	Volleyball
Heather Pruett	Volleyball
Robin Rackley	Volleyball
Kristy Risner	Volleyball
Sharon Tallach	Volleyball
Lucien Bianchi	Basketball
Aljay Foreman	Basketball
James Harvey	Basketball
Todd Martinez	Basketball
Trenton Smith	Basketball

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 97 STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO MADE THE ROLL

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CADDO PARISH STUDENTS REWARDED WITH TICKETS

The Centenary Athletic Department recently teamed with **The Times** and **South Central Bell** to reward 1,340 Caddo Parish elementary school students with free tickets to a Gent basketball game this season.

The students who received the free tickets were members of the **"Be 'A' Gents Fan"** club, which honors those students who make "straight A's" during the most recent nine-week academic period.

"We are a part of the community and we want to recognize those students that have excelled in the classroom and give other students something to strive for," said Centenary Director of Athletics Russ Sharp.

"I can't emphasize enough how much we appreciate the support of **South Central Bell** and **The Times**, for without their support this effort would not have been possible," added Sharp.

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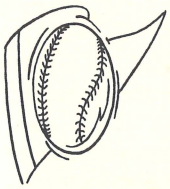


BASEBALL...

1994 Record: 23-28
Starters Returning: 5
Lettermen Returning: 13
Season Opener: SFA, 2/7
Home Opener: UALR, 2/12

Centenary head coach **Wayne Rathbun** hopes a strong finish last season is a sign of things to come for his team this year.

The Gents won five of their last seven games, including a three-game road sweep of TAAC Western Division rival Samford, to finish last season with a 23-28 record.

Rathbun, now in his second year as the Gents skipper, returns 13 lettermen to the field this season when his team opens play on February 7 at Stephen F. Austin.

Seniors **Sonny Gaea** (.362, 5 HR, 39 RBI), **David Turkoly** (.319, 2 HR, 30 RBI), **Rick Barry** (.311, 3 HR, 33 RBI), and **Danny Caballero** (.281, 12 HR, 46 RBI) return to the everyday lineup with junior shortstop **Ted Gardner** (.265, 13 RBI). Senior **Carter Maw** (5-4, 6.29 ERA) returns as the top pitcher after missing much of last season due to arm injuries.

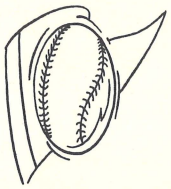
Returning lettermen **Trey Culverhouse**, **Jonathan Chamberlain**, **Tommy Meyers**, and **Shawn Mahoney** will battle for starting spots with redshirt freshmen **Jeff Hogan**, **Ryan Lawrence**,and **John Jenkins**.

The Gents lost five everyday starters off last year's team, including All-TAAC Designated Hitter **Brian Stier** (.381, 8 HR, 38 RBI) who finished his three-year career ranked in the Top 10 of 10 different school hitting categories. Also gone are four pitchers, including staff ace **Jeremy Hadley** (9-5, 3.88 ERA) who tied the school record for wins in a season.

Rathbun hopes 11 newcomers can help lift the Gents back into the race for the TAAC Championship. Among the newcomers are pitchers **Kevin Beaver** (American River JC), **Jeff Blackstone** (Gilmer, TX), **Mitch McNeely** (Northeast Mississippi JC), **Trey Poland** (Panola JC), and **B.J. Ryan** (Benton, LA).

Battling for starting spots in the everyday lineup will be freshman newcomers **Scott Carson** (Bossier City, LA), **Hunter Hart** (Shreveport, LA), **Rob Kenney** (Bossier City, LA), **Chase Ingles** (Shreveport, LA), and **Braden Davis** (San Carlos, CA).

This season, Centenary will play a single round-robin schedule against all TAAC opponents. The top four teams will battle for the TAAC Tournament Championship at the site of the regular season champion.



SOFTBALL...

1994 Record: 24-36
TAAC Finish: 2nd
Starters Returning: 5
Lettermen Returning: 8
Home Opener:LTU, 2/12

After setting a school record for victories as a NCAA Division I team and finishing second in the TAAC Tournament, the Centenary Ladies hope to rekindle the magic in 1995.

Head Coach **Laneigh Clark** returns five everyday starters off last year's squad that went 24-36 overall and 10-7 in TAAC West play to garner a share of the Divisional title for the first time in school history.

Robin Rackley is the top returnee for the Ladies after having a stellar freshman campaign both behind and at the plate. The Houston, Texas native batted .280 with a team-leading 23 RBI and threw-out 27% of would-be base stealers on way to being named to the All-Louisiana and All-TAAC Tournament teams.

Christie Hulsey (.180, 2 HR, 11 RBI), **Angell Floyd** (.219, 1 HR, 12 RBI), **Kelly Griffin-Humphreys** (.204, 3 RBI), and **Lacy Crouch** (.136, 1 RBI) return to their starting positions as well.

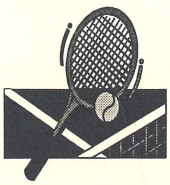
The Ladies lost five starters off last year's team. Amongst the losses were GTE Academic All-America (Second Team) selection **Kristy Risner** (.325, 2 HR, 18 RBI), **Kristie Huff** (.226, 2 RBI), **Michele Hyden** (.175, 6 RBI), and **Lori May** (.159).

Also gone are the top two pitchers on the staff last season, as both **Donna Krolczyk** (16-17, 1.43 ERA, 165 K's) and **Marnie Thornton** (8-16, 3.45 ERA) graduated. Krolczyk also batted .304 with 2 HR and 19 RBI, while Thornton hit .231at the plate in a Designated Player role.

Clark brought in seven newcomers to fill the void of the departures. Sophomore transfer **Sherry Havard** (Eastern Oklahoma JC) is expected to take over much of the pitching load, while freshman **Brandy Boger** (Palestine, TX) will see time both on the mound and as a utility player.

Other newcomers include freshmen **Tommie Darden** (Kemah, TX), **Leah Frierson** (Houston, TX), **Carrie Haynie** (Benton, LA), **Michelle Reeve** (Shreveport, LA), and **Angela Soliz** (Houston, TX).

The top two teams from each TAAC division will meet for the TAAC Tourney at the site of the West champ. The winner of the TAAC Tournament will play the Big South Champ in a NCAA play-in game.



TENNIS...

Gents 1994 Record: 5-15
Gents TAAC Finish: 7th
Ladies 1994 Record: 13-9
Ladies TAAC Finish: 5th
Home Opener: NSU, 1/28

Returning for the 16th year at the helm of both the Ladies and Gents tennis teams is Jimmy Harrison, who is assisted for the 8th straight year by his daughter Pattie Adams.

The Ladies, who went 13-9 overall and took a share of their first TAAC Western Division title last season, return four players to the lineup, including: **Sally Calogne** (12-14 at #1), **Melanie Bolton** (19-6, All-Louisiana), **Heidi Zimmerman**, and **Katrina Ernesto**.

The Gents posted a disappointing 5-15 overall record and their second straight seventh place finish in the TAAC Tournament last season, but return five of their top six singles players in: **Ashwin Damodaran**, **Davor Poljak**, **Davor Ivancic**, **Mark Kile**, and **Eddie Wicker**. Also returning is junior **Brent Waguespack**, who played primarily at #3 doubles last year.

MEN'S GOLF...

1994 TAAC Finish: 9th
Players Returning: 3
Newcomers: 5
Season Opener: 2/20 at Southeastern Louisiana

First-year head coach **A.W. "Buck" Fulco** hopes to help the Gents challenge for the TAAC Championship this season.

The Gents, who finished 9th in the TAAC Championships last season, return three lettermen to the fold in: **Michael Love**, **Trent Hancock**, and **James Schilling**.

Newcomers who are expected to contribute are: **Judson Smith** (transfer from NLU), **Ben Young** (Katy, TX), **Russell Sullivan** (Shreveport, LA), and **Stephen Simpson** (Alexandria, LA).

GYMNASTICS...

1994 Record: 10-13
Finish: 2nd at USA Tourn.
Lettermen Returning: 6
Lettermen Lost: 1
Newcomers: 3
Season Opener: LSU, 1/27

Bob and Willa Moss return for their 10th season at the helm of the Ladies, who finished runner-up at the USA Collegiate National Tournament last season.

Jolie Veilleux, **Christin Horn**, **Veronica Stuart**, **Amy Warren**, **Jennifer Hass**, and **Dawn Montague** all return hoping to lead the Ladies to their 8th national title.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

JANUARY

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
27 (Fri)	Gymnastics	LSU	7:30
28 (Sat)	**W Tennis**	**Texas-Arlington**	**10:00**
	M Tennis	**Texas-Arlington**	**1:00**
	Basketball	*Samford	7:05
30 (Mon)	**Basketball**	***Stetson**	**7:05**

FEBRUARY

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
3 (Fri)	**Gymnastics**	**Air Force Academy**	**7:00**
4 (Sat)	**W Tennis**	**Arkansas-Little Rock**	**1:00**
	M Tennis	**Arkansas-Little Rock**	**1:00**
	Basketball	*Florida International	6:30
6 (Mon)	Basketball	*Central Florida	6:30
7 (Tue)	Baseball	Stephen F. Austin (DH)	1:00
10 (Fri)	Baseball	Sam Houston St. (DH)	1:00
	W Tennis	Lamar Tournament	TBA
	M Tennis	Lamar Tournament	TBA
11 (Sat)	W Tennis	Lamar Tournament	TBA
	M Tennis	Lamar Tournament	TBA
	Basketball	***Central Florida (HC)**	**7:05**
12 (Sun)	**Baseball**	**Arkansas-Little Rock (DH)**	**1:00**
	Softball	**Louisiana Tech (DH)**	**1:00**
13 (Mon)	**M Tennis**	**Northeast Louisiana**	**2:00**
	Basketball	***Florida International**	**7:05**
14 (Tue)	Baseball	UT-Arlington	2:00
15 (Wed)	**Baseball**	**Northwestern State**	**3:00**
16 (Thur)	Softball	Northwestern State (DH)	1:00
17 (Fri)	Baseball	*Mercer	2:00
18 (Sat)	Baseball	*Mercer (DH)	11:00
	W Tennis	LSU	10:00
	Basketball	***Southeastern La.**	**7:05**
20 (Mon)	Basketball	Tulane	7:00
21 (Tue)	**Baseball**	**Grambling**	**2:00**
	W Tennis	Northwestern State	2:00
	Softball	Stephen F. Austin (DH)	3:00

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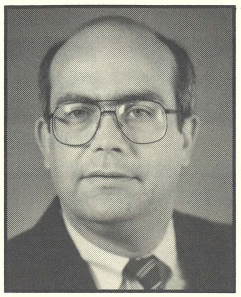

DEAR GENTS CLUB MEMBER,

I would like to encourage each of you to come to campus this month and support our athletic teams. Basketball is in full swing with a slate of several exciting games during the next few weeks. Our January 30th game with Stetson will be ***Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Night*** and our February 13th game with Florida International will be ***Bossier Chamber of Commerce Night***. Both games begin at 7:05 p.m. in the Gold Dome. We are hoping for a large crowd both nights so we can showcase our program's entertainment value to these great groups.

In this month's issue of the Centenary Sports Report, I am pleased to report that there is a listing of 97 student-athletes who achieved over a 3.0 grade-point-average during the Fall Semester and made our **Coldwell Banker-J. Wesley Dowling Student-Athlete Honor Roll**. This is fantastic and I applaud the efforts of our student-athletes.

As mentioned earlier in this column, I am pleased to report that Coldwell Banker-J. Wesley Dowling & Associates is sponsoring our Student-Athlete Honor Roll this year. Also, **Regions Bank** has signed on as a sponsor of our new MVP Program. You will notice this change on your next visit to the Gold Dome. Thanks to both of these outstanding corporarte citizens - we appreciate their support.

Please note that an order blank for the **Centenary College 100 years of Athletics Art Print** is available in this issue. An order form with a color reproduction of the print will be mailed soon. These prints are on display in our athletic offices. Proceeds from the sale of these prints will go to support student-athlete scholarships.

This is an exciting time for Centenary College athletics as many new projects started in the Fall are nearing completion and several new projects are about to get off the ground. Look for progress on these efforts in the coming months. Please be ready to help when we call - we need your support.

Sincerely,
Russ Sharp

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LADIES GET NEW LOCKER ROOM...

CENTENARY LADIES SOFTBALL COACH LANEIGH CLARK WORKS ON ONE OF THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE NEW SOFTBALL/VOLLEYBALL LOCKER ROOM.

CENTENARY WINS OVERTIME THRILLER VS. TAAC LEADER STETSON

GENTS HAVE WON THREE OF THEIR LAST FIVE GAMES...

After suffering six close losses in the month of January, the Centenary Gents closed out the first month of the calendar year with a thrilling 86-83 overtime victory over TAAC leader Stetson on January 30.

Centenary used a season-high 27 points from senior **Jamar Comeaux** and career-highs of 25 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 assists from junior college transfer **Lincoln Abrams** to defeat the Hatters, who came into the game in a three-way tie for first in the TAAC.

The Gents used a 9-0 run in the overtime period to pull away from the Hatters. Comeaux's three-pointer with 2:37 remaining in the extra period gave the Gents a commanding 83-77 lead and Centenary held on to avenge a 34-point loss at Stetson earlier this season.

It was Centenary's second straight game against a team that was tied for first in the TAAC race, as the Gents sufferred a heart-breaking 81-79 loss at Samford on January 28 when a three-pointer with four seconds left gave the Bulldogs the victory.

The Gents went on to post its first TAAC road win of the season in a 70-68 victory at Florida International on February 4. Centenary shot a season-high 62% from the field and 64% (9-of-14) from the three-point line.

Centenary, 6-14 overall and 3-8 in the TAAC, is trying to position itself for a trip to the TAAC Tournament. The top eight teams will qualify for the annual event, on March 2-4 in Orlando.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

FEB. 1, 1979— George Lett scores 42 points versus Georgia Southern, setting a school record for the most points in the Gold Dome by a Centenary player.

FEB. 9, 1989— Centenary defeats rival Arkansas-Little Rock 114-113 in overtime at the Gold Dome behind **Patrick Greer**'s 25 points...UALR's Carl Brown had a Dome record 46.

FEB. 9, 1991— John Buckwalter scores 41 points versus Texas-San Antonio in a 116-105 victory.

FEB. 11, 1992— The Centenary baseball team posts 15 RBI in the first inning to tie a then national record, and went on to down Stephen F. Austin 22-15 at Centenary Park.

FEB. 12, 1966— Tom Kerwin scores a then school record 47 points vs. Louisiana Tech.

FEB. 28, 1992— The Centenary baseball teams hits a school record eight HR's in a win over LeTourneau. **Jason Parker** had the first of two three-HR games that season.

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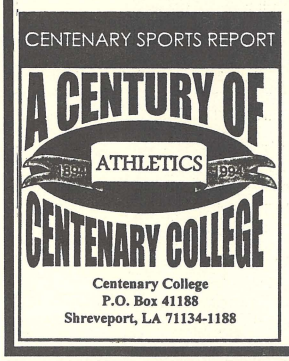

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CENTENARY TOPS TAAC FALL ALL-ACADEMIC LIST...

A record number 298 Trans America Athletic Conference student-athletes earned All-Academic honors during the 1994 fall-sports season.

Centenary led all institutions with 48 student-athletes named to the team while Mercer had 36. College of Charleston had 34 honorees on the roster to place third.

Twenty-nine TAAC student-athletes earned a perfect 4.00 grade-point-averages this past fall. Centenary had a league-best eight student-athletes to achieve the perfect grade-point-average, including: **Julie Baldwin**, Freshman, Volleyball; **Martha Chaney**, Junior, Women's Soccer; **Tim Chastain**, Junior, Men's Soccer; **Wendy Eckstrom**, Junior, Women's Soccer; **Elton Graugnard**, Junior, Men's Cross Country; **Rob Kenney**, Freshman, Men's Cross Country; **Kristin Mavico**, Sophomore, Women's Soccer; **Matt Thornton**, Junior, Men's Soccer.

To make the TAAC All-Academic Team, student-athletes must compete in one of the 13 TAAC Championship Sports and earn at least a 3.00 grade-point-average during their season of competition. This fall's honor roll includes student-athletes who participated in men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and men's and women's cross country.

The institution with the highest number of student-athletes named to the All-Academic Teams throughout the year (fall, winter, spring sports) is awarded the TAAC's Academic Trophy.

Mercer has won the TAAC Academic Trophy the last two years, while Centenary has finished a close second each time.

1994 TAAC FALL ACADEMIC TEAM

CENTENARY:

Paul Berry, Sr.	M Cross-Country
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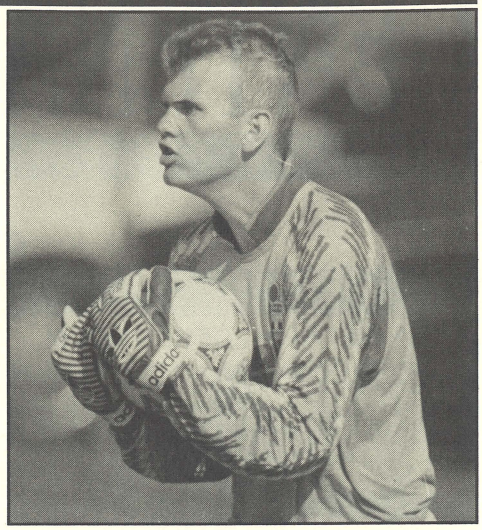

TIM CHASTAIN IS ONE OF EIGHT STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO EARNED A PERFECT 4.00 GPA LAST FALL.

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SPRING SPORTS HEADLINES...

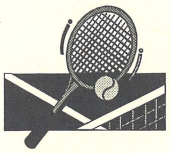
GYMNASTS DROP SEASON OPENER AT NATIONALLY-RANKED LSU...

The Centenary Ladies began their 1995 gymnastics season on a tough note, dropping their season-opener at nationally ranked LSU by a score of 194.300 to 182.125.

Junior **Jolie Veilleux** led the Ladies and finished second in the overall all-around competition after recording a 37.200. The Praireville, Louisiana native also posted the Ladies' top event score with a 9.50 on the uneven bars.

Junior **Veronica Stuart** placed third in the all-around competition with a 36.450. She posted the top Ladies' score on the vault (9.35) and floor exercise (9.40).

Centenary, coached by the duo of Bob and Willa Moss for the 10th straight season, finished second in the USA Collegiate National Tournament last season. The Ladies will have their final home meet of the season on March 25 when they host Winona State at 7:00 pm in the Gold Dome.



GENTS FALL TO UTA IN SEASON OPENER...

The University of Texas-Arlington swept the Centenary Gents tennis team 7-0 in the season opener on January 28 at the Gold Dome Tennis Complex.

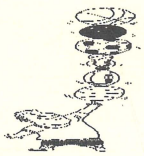
UTA won all three doubles matches to take a single point and then swept through the six singles matches to take the victory.

Centenary's **Eddie Wicker** and **Brent Lintz** played well for the Gents before losing their respective matches in three sets.

Wicker, a sophomore from New Orleans, Louisiana, fell to Anis Mezzour 6-2, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2 at number four singles.

Lintz, a redshirt freshman from Dallas, Texas, dropped a 2-6, 7-6, 7-6 decision to Robert Coronade in exhibition singles.

The Gents' next home match is February 13 when they host Northeast Louisiana at 2:00 pm. The Ladies will face Northwestern State in their next home tilt, on Feb. 21 at 2:00 pm at the Gold Dome Tennis Complex.



OTHER SPRING SPORTS TO BEGIN PLAY THIS MONTH...

February marks the beginning of most spring sports at Centenary College and this year is no exception.

The Centenary baseball team will begin their season with a doubleheader at Stephen F. Austin on February 7. The Gents, 23-28 overall last season, return five starters to the lineup for second-year head coach Wayne Rathbun. The first home game of the season is set for Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 pm when the Gents host ex-TAAC rival Arkansas-Little Rock in a doubleheader.

The Centenary softball team will open their 1995 schedule on February 12 at 1:00 pm when the Ladies host Louisiana Tech in a doubleheader. The Ladies, coached by Laneigh Clark, return five starters off last year's team that finished runners-up in the TAAC Tournament.

The Gent golfers will tee off on February 20 at the Mardi Gras Invitational.

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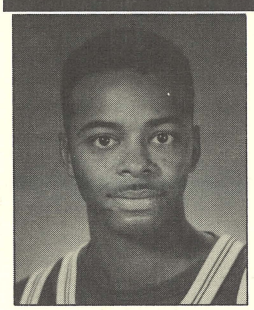


JAMAR COMEAUX
BASKETBALL

HEIGHT: 6-6
WEIGHT: 200
POSITION: Forward
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Mossville, Louisiana

Jamar has saved his best season for last, as he is leading the Gents in scoring with 14.0 points per game through the first 20 contests. He is a big reason why the Gents have won three of their last five games, as he averaged 18.2 points per game in that span.

Recently, Comeaux became just the **22nd player in Centenary history** to score 1,000 points in a career. He also ranks in the school's Top Ten for career steals and career three-pointers made.

His career-high in scoring came last year, when he scored 34 points and pulled down 11 rebounds versus Central Florida at the Gold Dome. He also pulled down a career-best 13 rebounds versus Georgia State in the 1992-93 season.

Comeaux, a fifth-year senior who redshirted the 1991-92 season, is a Health and Exercise Science major who is scheduled to graduate this May.

JOLIE VEILLEUX
GYMNASTICS

HEIGHT: 5-4
POSITION: All-Around
CLASS: Junior
LETTERS WON: 2
HONORS: Two-time USA All-America
HOMETOWN: Praireville, LA

Jolie is off to a strong showing in her third season as a Centenary Gymnast, as she has led the Ladies in the all-around competition in both meets this season.

In the season-opening meet at Louisiana State University, Veilleux finished second in the all-around competition with a score of 37.200. On February 2, Veilleux won the all-around competition and helped the Ladies to their first victory of the season in a 185.90 to 179.30 decision over the United States Air Force Academy. She won the individual competition on uneven bars and the beam and finished with a 38.00 all-around score.

Veilleux ended last season as the **USA National Champion** on the uneven bars and set a school record on beam in helping the Ladies finish second at the USA Collegiate National Tournament.

Jolie is a junior Pharmacy major who holds school records on both uneven bars and beam.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

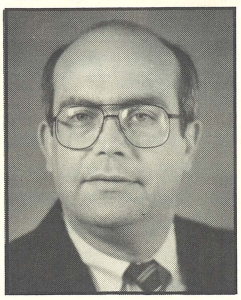
FEBRUARY

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
11 (Sat)	**Basketball**	***Central Florida (HC)**	**7:05**
12 (Sun)	**Baseball**	**UA-Little Rock (DH)**	**1:00**
	Softball	**Louisiana Tech (DH)**	**1:00**
13 (Mon)	**M Tennis**	**Northeast Louisiana**	**2:00**
	Basketball	***Florida International**	**7:05**
14 (Tue)	Baseball	UT-Arlington	2:00
15 (Wed)	**Baseball**	**Northwestern State**	**3:00**
16 (Thur)	Softball	Northwestern State (DH)	1:00
17 (Fri)	Baseball	*Mercer	2:00
18 (Sat)	Baseball	*Mercer (DH)	11:00
	W Tennis	LSU	10:00
	Basketball	***Southeastern La.**	**7:05**
20 (Mon)	Basketball	Tulane	7:00
21 (Tue)	**Baseball**	**Grambling**	**2:00**
	W Tennis	Northwestern State	2:00
	Softball	Stephen F. Austin (DH)	3:00
22 (Wed)	Baseball	LSU	4:00
23 (Thur)	Basketball	Tulane	7:00
24 (Fri)	**Baseball**	***College of Charleston**	**3:00**
	Softball	Northeast La. Tournament	TBA
	Gymnastics	UC-Davis	TBA
25 (Sat)	**Baseball**	***C. of Charleston (DH)**	**12:00**
	Softball	Northeast La. Tournament	TBA
	Basketball	Campbell	1:00
26 (Sun)	**Softball**	**McNeese State (DH)**	**1:00**
	Golf	Jackson St. Intercollegiate	TBA
	Gymnastics	Sacramento State	TBA
27 (Mon)	Golf	Jackson St. Intercollegiate	TBA
28 (Tue)	**Softball**	**UT-Arlington (DH)**	**1:00**
	Baseball	**East Texas Baptist**	**1:00**

MARCH

2 (Thur)	Basketball	TAAC Tournament	TBA
	W Tennis	*Samford	TBA
	M Tennis	*Samford	TBA

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER...



DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

I am pleased to call your attention to an article in this issue of the Centenary Sports Report announcing our first place finish in the Trans America Athletic Conference All-Academic team for the fall semester. Congratulations to these student-athletes.

While some cold weather is still with us, all of our spring sports are in full bloom. All of these teams have been hard at work and will soon be competing. Please come out to the campus to support them.

Last month's issue marks our first mailing to all former Centenary student-athletes and the parents of our current student-athletes. I very strongly believe that these two groups along with our student-athletes and friends are the backbone of this athletic program. Please let me know if you have concerns or comments regarding the program.

Take a moment to look at the enclosed brochure regarding the Century of Centenary College Athletics Art Print. Ron Rice has done an outstanding job with this print and my thanks go out to him. We need your support to make this project a success.

You have probably see our "How You Can Help" section in this publication. Please let me know if you can help with any of these items as we need your help in furnishing our new training room, student-athlete computer lab and coaches offices.

I would like to call your attention to the photograph on page one of this issue. This photo highlights the newly completed Ladies softball/volleyball locker room facility in the Gold Dome. This renovation was made possible by a very generous contribution from Mike McCarthy.

Thanks again for your continued support and we hope to see you at our many athletic events that are scheduled for this month.

Sincerely,
Russ Sharp

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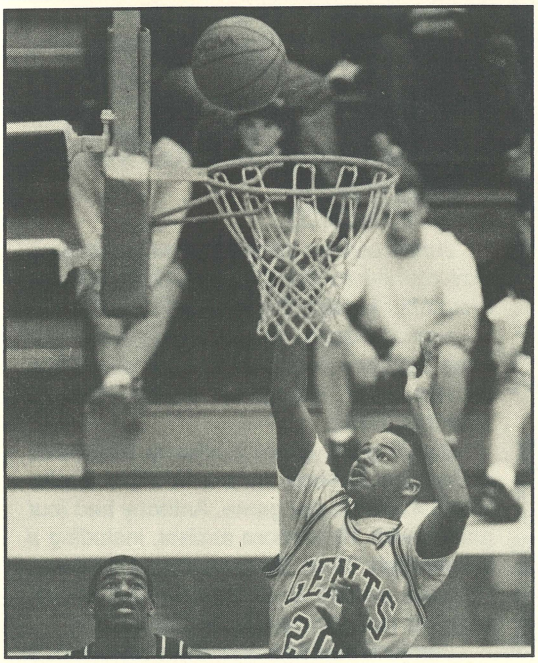

JAMAR COMEAUX finished his Centenary career ranked among the school's all-time best in points scored, three-pointers made, and steals...**For more basketball info see page 2.**

GENTS FALL TO MERCER IN FIRST ROUND OF TAAC TOURNAMENT

CENTENARY FINISHES TIED FOR FIFTH IN TAAC...

Although Centenary entered the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament as one of the hottest teams in the league, the Gents couldn't hold off a late comeback by Mercer in a 90-88 loss to the Bears in the first round on March 2 in Orlando, Florida.

Centenary came into the tournament winners of seven of their last 10 TAAC games to finish in a respectable fifth-place tie in the regular season standings at 7-9.

The Gents, who garnered a number six seed in the tournament after losing tiebreakers to both Southeastern Louisiana and host Central Florida, led the third-seeded Bears 81-73 with 4:47 to play.

However, Mercer used a 12-2 run to take an 85-83 lead on Ledon Green's three-point play with 1:19 remaining. After Centenary's **Lincoln Abrams** tied the score with a pair of free throws, Green was successful on another three-point play to give Mercer an 88-85 lead with 39.9 seconds remaining.

The Gents had a chance to tie with a three-pointer, but sufferred just their 11th turnover of the game before they could get a shot into the air.

Centenary finished the season with a 10-17 overall record that is very misleading. The Gents lost 11 games by less than 10 points and five of those were by five points or less.

With three starters and one redshirt starter returning to the lineup next season, **Tommy Vardeman**'s crew should be one to watch for in 1995-96.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

MARCH 1, 1980— Centenary defeats Northeast Louisiana 79-77 on their home floor to win their only TAAC Tournament Championship to date.

MARCH, 1984— Willie Jackson becomes the only player in TAAC history to earn three consecutive TAAC Player-of-the-Year awards.

MARCH 5, 1982— David Coss sets a school single-game record with four stolen bases vs. ETBU.

MARCH 8, 1992— Jason Parker ties his own school single-game record with a three home run performance at Arkansas-Little Rock.

MARCH 15, 1982— Jay Kelly strikes out a school record 14 batters against Trinity.

MARCH 21, 1992— Brian Stier belts a grand slam in Centenary's final at-bat to lead the Gents to a come from behind 7-6 victory at Southeastern Louisiana in a key TAAC game.

CENTENARY VS. LSU BASEBALL TICKETS ON SALE!

The Centenary Gents baseball team hosts pre-season number one LSU on Tuesday, March 21 at Fair Grounds Field with first pitch set for 7:00 pm.

The Gents fell to the Tigers 3-0 in Baton Rouge on February 22 despite Mitch McNeeley's two-hit pitching performance.

Tickets are on sale at both the Gold Dome Ticket Office and at Fair Grounds Field. Ticket prices are $5 for adults and $3 for students (high school and below), with Centenary students being admitted free with their I.D.

For more information, call the Gold Dome at (318) 869-5275 or FGF at (318) 636-5555.

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BASKETBALL SEASON IN REVIEW...

A slow start, a fast finish, and an abrupt ending best describes the 1994-95 Centenary Gents' basketball season.

Not much seperated the Gents from most of their competitors, as 16 of Centenary's 27 games were decided by 10 points or less. As a matter of fact, the Gents had 10 games decided by two possessions (six points) or less.

The Gents couldn't find a way to win the close games for much of the season, but somehow turned things around enough to finish 10-17 overall and in a respectable fifth-place tie in the Trans America Athletic Conference regular season race (7-9).

Here is a brief listing of some of the highlights and lowlights of the 1994-95 season:

THE SEASON OPENER...

Ex-Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson and his Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans invaded the Gold Dome on November 26. Centenary dropped an 86-77 decision despite a career-high 24 points from **Anthony Stephens** and a career-high 17 rebounds from **James Thomas**. Stephens tied a Gold Dome record by hitting all 12 of his free throw attempts.

THE PIZZA HUT CLASSIC...

The Gents had a respectable showing at the Pizza Hut Classic in Springfield, Missouri finishing runner-up in the tournament. Centenary used 19 points from Aljay Foreman to defeat Alabama State 85-74 in the opening round. The Gents fell to host Southwest Missouri State 68-59 in the championship game despite leading 29-25 at the half and 47-45 with 8:23 to play.

A TRIP TO BUD WALTON...

In front of 20,014 fans (the most to ever see the Gents play), Centenary fell to defending national champion Arkansas 121-94 on December 6. The Gents battled the Hogs toe-to-toe the first 17 minutes of the game though. Centenary took a 28-27 lead with 9:31 left in the first half and trailed just 50-45 on an **Anthony Stephens** three-pointer with 3:04 remaining in the first stanza. The Razorbacks outscored the Gents 8-0 to end the half and used a 19-0 spurt early in the second half to pull away. **Aljay Foreman** led the Gents with 24 points, including eight of Centenary's season best 15 three-pointers.

THE HEARTBREAKERS...

Centenary lost five straight games by 10 points or less when the Gents returned to action from the Christmas Holidays. Here's a closer look at some of the close ones...

- at SFA — Gents led 89-88 with 1:55 to play, but SFA uses a 7-0 run over the next 1:54
- Samford — Gents led 62-58 with 5:53 to play, but Samford hit 4 trey's the next 4:26
- Ga. State — Gents led 65-64 with 35 seconds left, but lose on basket interference
- Mercer — Gents rally, scoring 10 points in 17 seconds to cut the Mercer lead to 103-101 with 16 seconds to play, but Bears hit four straight free throws down the stretch.
- at Samford — Gents led 79-78 with 21 seconds left, but lose on a three-pointer by Samford's Joey Davenport with four seconds remaining.

THE THRILLING VICTORIES...

I. **Jamar Comeaux** scored 27 points and **Lincoln Abrams** grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Gents to an 86-83 overtime victory over then league-leading Stetson.

II. **Anthony Stephens** drilled a three-pointer with 4.5 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime, and then nailed the game-winner with 4 seconds left in the first extra period to lift Centenary to a 84-82 overtime win at Georgia State.

III. **Josh Wagoner** led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points as Centenary completed their regular season with an 81-67 victory over Campbell to sweep a two-game TAAC road trip for the first time since the 1990-91 season.

THE HONORS...

Junior college transfer **Lincoln Abrams** was named to the TAAC's All-Newcomer team after leading the league in FG%.

Senior **Lucien Bianchi** won the AT&T Long Distance Award for the first part of the season after hitting 17 of his first 25 attempts (68%).

Junior point guard **Anthony Stephens** ended the season as the TAAC's leader with 6.4 assists per game. Anthony had four games with 10 or more assists, including a career-high 15 at Southeastern Louisiana. He also posted an incredible 3.3 assist-turnover ratio during the regular season.

Jamar Comeaux ended his career on a high note, scoring 29 and 31 points in back-to-back home wins over FIU and Southeastern Louisiana. He also finished 18th on the school's career scoring list with 1,147 career points.

Trenton Smith, **Josh Wagoner**, and **James Thomas** also ended their Gent playing days ranked in several school career statistical categories.

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SPRING SPORTS HEADLINES...

LADIES GYMNASTICS TO HOST WINONA ST. ON MARCH 25 IN FINAL HOME MEET

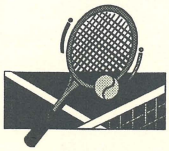
The Centenary Ladies gymnastics team is 3-7 on the year heading into their March 12 trip to the LSU Invitational.

The Ladies, who finished second in the USA National Tournament last season, have played a quality schedule against national and regional powers LSU, Auburn, UC-Davis, Sacramento State, and Air Force.

Centenary won its first meet of the season in their home opening 185.90 to 179.30 decision over Air Force. Junior **Jolie Veilleux** led the Ladies with a season-high 38.00 all-around total against the Falcons.

After a trip to California resulted in two second-place finishes among three teams, the Ladies traveled to Auburn, Alabama for a meeting with national power Auburn and four others.

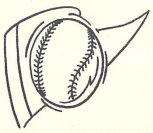
Despite finishing fifth at Auburn, Veilleux again led the Ladies with an all-around score of 37.250.



LADIES WIN FIRST TAAC MATCH, GENTS LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN...

The Centenary Ladies are 4-4 and the Gents are 0-6 heading into a March 10 match with UT-Pan American.

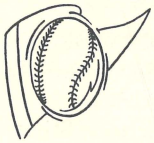
The Ladies defeated Southeastern Louisiana in their TAAC opener but dropped their next conference match to Samford.



SOFTBALL LADIES OFF TO A SLOW START...

The Centenary Ladies are still looking for their first victory of the season heading into their March 12 twin-bill at national power Southwestern Louisiana.

The Ladies have played a top-notch schedule in the early going that should prepare them for Trans America Athletic Conference play when it gets underway on March 18 at Southeastern Louisiana.



GENTS LOOKING GOOD IN EARLY TAAC RACE...

The Centenary Gents have won eight of their last 11 games heading into a single-game with LSU-Shreveport on March 10.

The Gents, 9-6 overall and 4-2 in the Trans America Athletic Conference, have used timely hitting and a solid pitching corps to jump out to the great start.

Centenary's record could be better, as the Gents have lost four one-run games (three in extra innings), a two-run decision, and a 3-0 loss at pre-season number one LSU despite **Mitch McNeely**'s two-hitter.

Sonny Gaea (.367, 4 HR, 10 RBI), **David Turkoly** (.360, 4 HR, 17 RBI), and **Rick Barry** (.315, 4 HR, 12 RBI) lead the Gents offensively.

TAAC STANDINGS
(as of 3/6/95)

STETSON	5-1
FIU	4-2
CENTENARY	4-2
MERCER	4-2
FAU	5-4
CofC	3-3
SLU	3-3
GSU	1-2
SAMFORD	1-2
CAMPBELL	2-7
UCF	1-5

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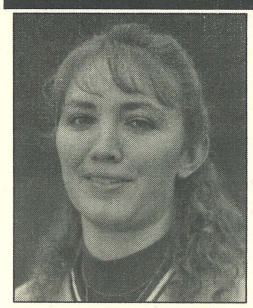
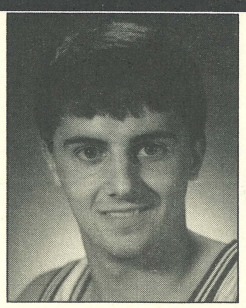


CHRISTIE HULSEY
SOFTBALL

HEIGHT: 5-10
POSITION: First Base
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 3
HONORS: Pre-season All-TAAC
HOMETOWN: Van, TX

Christie provides the Ladies with leadership as she is the only senior on the team...A three-time member of the All-TAAC Academic teams, Hulsey also lettered in volleyball four years here...As a softball player, Christie provides the Ladies with a long-ball threat, as she has hit seven career home runs...Last season she tied for the team lead with two round-trippers...As a sophomore she was the second leading hitter on the team with a .280 batting average and tied for the TAAC lead with three homers...One of her home runs as a sophomore came against national power Texas A&M at the Aggie Invitational...She also posted a team-high .409 slugging percentage and tied for the team lead with 18 RBI that season...Although she redshirted her true freshman season of 1991, she made an immediate impact the following year, batting .237 and finishing second on the team with two home runs...Christie also had five doubles that season...Hulsey is a Healthy and Exercise Science major.



TRENTON SMITH
BASKETBALL

HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 165
POSITION: Guard
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Atlanta, LA

Trenton recently ended his career as one of the top five long distance shooters in school history and as one of the top 10 long range marksmen in TAAC history...He also ranks high on the school's all-time free throw percentage chart...As a freshman, Smith made an immediate impact, starting 19 of the 27 games he played in and averaging 9.9 points per game...His 9 three-pointers versus East Texas Baptist still ranks as the most treys made by a Gent in a single game...Besides scoring a career-high 28 points vs. ETBU that night, he also poured in a team-high 21 points at Iowa as a frosh....Last season, Trenton again played in 27 games...He scored a season-high 24 points off the bench versus Samford, and also dropped in two 30-foot three-pointers in the TAAC Tournament at Central Florida...This season, Smith again was a fixture on the court for the Gents, scoring in all but three games in which he played...Trenton will graduate with a degree in Health and Exercise Science.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
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MARCH

DATE (DAY)	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
18 (Sat)	Softball	*Southeastern La.	3:00
	Gymnastics	Oklahoma	7:00
19 (Sun)	Softball	McNeese State	1:00
20 (Mon)	Golf	Spring Waterwood Inv.	TBA
21 (Tue)	Golf	Spring Waterwood Inv.	TBA
	Baseball	**LSU (at Fair Grounds)**	**7:00**
24 (Fri)	**Baseball**	***Stetson**	**4:00**
25 (Sat)	**Baseball**	***Stetson (DH)**	**12:00**
	Gymnastics	**Winona State**	**7:00**
26 (Sun)	**Softball**	***Samford**	**1:00**
28 (Tue)	**Baseball**	**Northwestern State**	**3:00**
31 (Fri)	Baseball	*Central Florida	6:00

APRIL

1 (Sat)	Baseball	*Central Florida (DH)	12:00
	Softball	***Southeastern La.**	**1:00**
2 (Sun)	**Softball**	**Stephen F. Austin**	**2:00**
5 (Wed)	Baseball	St. Thomas	12:00
6 (Thur)	Softball	Louisiana Tech	5:00
7 (Fri)	Baseball	*Fla. International	6:00
8 (Sat)	Baseball	*Fla. International (DH)	12:00
11 (Tue)	Baseball	UA-Little Rock (DH)	4:00
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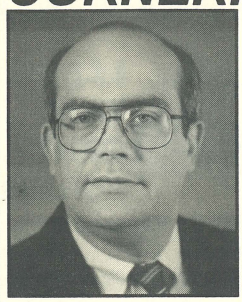

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

The basketball season has come to a close and I congratulate our team on a strong finish. I believe our student-athletes, coaches and fans are pleased with the character that was displayed down the stretch.

Baseball is off to a strong start and I'm looking forward to great things coming from that program this spring. Coach Wayne Rathbun is doing an excellent job. We are lucky to have him on our athletic staff.

Some of you know that we have recently had a visit from the NCAA as part of a compliance review which we initiated in the fall. This program is voluntary and is a very healthy process for us. When we complete this program we will be in great shape for our NCAA Athletics Certification Program which will begin this fall. Several colleges have finished this program and the results were announced this past week.

The final planning is now being completed for our baseball-soccer-softball facility improvements. The next issue of the Centenary Sports Report will feature details of this project as well as ways in which you can help. Improvements in these facilities will be necessary so that these sports may grow and prosper at Centenary.

Sales of our "Century of Centenary Athletics" art print are going well. I encourage each of you to visit our offices and see this beautiful print. Every Centenary fan should have one. Proceeds from the sale of this print will go to support our athletic program.

This issue marks the last time that Cory Rogers will serves as Editor. Cory is leaving Centenary to accept a similar position at the University of Central Florida. This is a good career move for him and his wife Dena. He has done an excellent job for the athletic department and he will be missed.

We are now filling out the remainder of our Gents Club Board and would encourage anyone interested to contact me at 869-5087. If you have a particular interest or qualification, please give me a call. We need you now more than ever.

Sincerely,
Russ Sharp

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SIGLER, DELANEY & MARUSAK HONORED DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND

TRIO RECOGNIZED FOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS....

Former Centenary basketball coach and athletic director **Orvis Sigler,** current soccer star **Shelley Marusak**, and the late **F. H. "Buss" Delaney** were honored at a presentation ceremony during Alumni Weekend on April 1, 1995 in Bynum Commons.

Inducted into the Centenary College Athletics Hall of Fame, Sigler led Centenary into NCAA Division I as the head coach of the basketball team from 1958-68. He currently ranks third all-time in school history after guiding his teams to 122 victories. In 1968, Sigler became the school's first full-time athletic director.

Currently a junior for the Ladies soccer team, Marusak ranks as the school's all-time leader in goals, assists and total points. The Palmer, TX, native was named to the First Team All-South Region in 1993 after ranking second in the region and ninth nationally in scoring with 51 total points. This past fall, she helped lead the team to their first ever TAAC Western Division championship and a berth in the 1994 TAAC Tournament.

Delaney ranks as one of the school's greatest basketball coaches after compiling a 95-76 career mark in six seasons. His .556 career winning percentage ranks his sixth all-time in school history. During the 1952-53 season, Delaney guided Centenary o a 21-10 season, a Gulf States Conference

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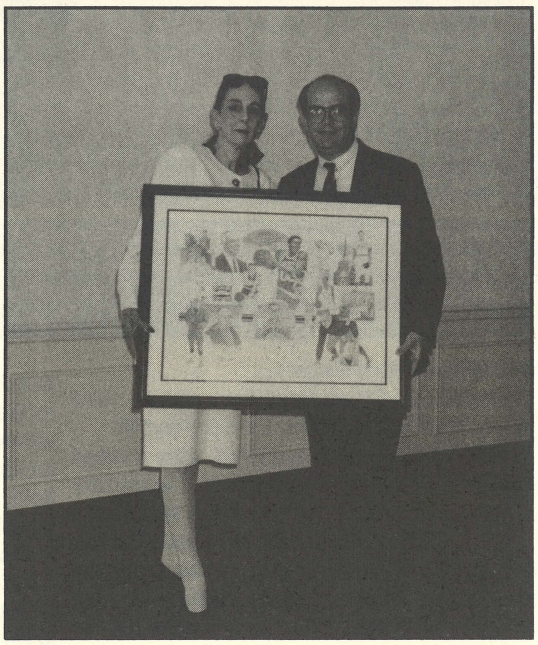

Centenary Director of Athletics **Russ Sharp** and **Mrs. Martha Delaney** proudly display a copy of the Century of Centenary Athletics art print at a ceremony for Alumni Weekend.

FLASHBACKS...

REMEMBERING OUR ATHLETIC PAST

APRIL 9, 1985— Wayne Rathbun ties a school single-game record with three homeruns against Grambling State.

APRIL 20, 1987— The Gents baseball team raps out 24 hits in a 16-15 victory at Louisiana College to set a team single-game record

APRIL 27, 1989— Todd Wilson ties a school single-game mark with five hits vs. Georgia Southern

APRIL 27, 1990— The Gents baseball team ends the year at 40-18 to set a school record for wins.

APRIL 1, 1994— The Ladies tennis team sweeps a TAAC doubleheader to claim a share of their first TAAC Western Division championship.

APRIL 24, 1994— The Ladies softball team defeats Georgia State to claim a share of their first TAAC Western Division championship.

ALL-SPORTS BANQUET SET FOR APRIL 24

The 1995 Centenary College All-Sports Banquet will be held on Monday April 24 at 7:00 in the South Cafeteria to honor the accomplishments of all 14 teams this past season.

Awards will be presented to All-TAAC Academic and All-TAAC performers as well as student-athletes on the Coldwell Banker-J. Wesley Dowling Fall Academic Honor Roll.

In addition to these, honors for Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year will also be presented.

There will be a new wrinkle at this year's banquet as all senior student-athletes will be presented with "C Club" watches in recognition of their service at Centenary.

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CENTENARY NEWS & NOTES...

Shelley Marusak and ex-basketball **Coach Orvis Sigler** (left) were among those honored at a special ceremony hosted by Centenary President **Dr. Kenneth Schwab** (right) during Alumni Weekend.

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Tournament Championship, and a third place finish in the NAIA District Playoffs.

All three were presented with framed copies of the Centenary of Centenary Athletics art print in which all are featured..

Mrs. Martha Delaney accepted for her late husband, Buss Delaney. **Mrs Delaney** has been largely responsible for the success of the print due to her purchase of the original art work.

The art print also features: **Robert Parish, Willie Jackson, Connie Mack Rae, Curtis Parker, Paul "Hoss" Geisler, Robert "Cal" Hubbard, Homer Norton, Cecil Upshaw, Hal Sutton, Jasmina Tonejc, Kathy Johnson,** and the **1933 cheerleaders.**

SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND BASEBALL IMPROVEMENTS BEING PLANNED

Engineering work involving site planning and improvements to three of our athletic facilities has been in progress since this past fall. The planning involves the development of a new softball field and the enlargement of the present soccer and baseball fields. In addition, bathrooms and concession areas are needed for these three facilities as well as at the Centenary tennis complex. The plan when complete will address concerns which include insufficient lighting at the baseball field, a soccer field which needs additional length and a softball facility which shares the same space with the soccer program.

Centenary College Director of Athletics **Russ Sharp** says, "The planning which will soon be complete will allow us to develop a strategy to handle growth in these sports. Our facilities need improvements so we can position ourselves for the future and enhance recruiting and revenue."

The remaining elements in the planning process include the cost for several phased improvements including permanent seating at softball, soccer, and baseball, lighting for softball and soccer. and improved irrigation and drainage at all three sites.

Sharp states: "We are now completing our first one hundred years of Centenary Athletics. These improvements will allow us to go into our second century on solid ground. We want athletic facilities which live up to the standards of quality that people expect from Centenary College."

HOHMANN INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Ex-football player **Walter "Cowboy" Hohmann** is the most recent inductee into the Centenary Athletic Hall of Fame.

A four year letterman from 1993-36, Hohmann was a captain of the 1936 squad was considered by many of his coaches to be one of the best blockers in Centenary history. During this time span, Hohmann played all but 120 minutes over a four-year period which totaled 42 games.

He started his coaching and teaching career as a freshman coach at Centenary in 1937. He was a coach at Clarksville HS in Clarksville, TX for five years.

After serving as principal of Bastrop HS and superintendent of Morehouse parish schools, he returned to Centenary in 1963 as Dean of Students and Director of Admissions. In 1966, he served as the State Director of Attendance.

Upon retiring in 1974, he continued his civic and volunteer activities by serving on the Baton Rouge Mayor's Youth Council and by serving as the State Chairman for the Louisiana Joint Legislative Council for the N.R.T.A. and the A.A.R.P.

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SPRING SPORTS HEADLINES...

LADIES GYMNASTICS TEAM FINISHES ON HIGH NOTE...

The Centenary Ladies gymnastics team used a solid eight-point victory over Winona State on March 25 at the Gold Dome to close out their 1995 season.

In her last meet as a Lady, senior **Jennifer Hass** tied teammate **Veronica Stuart** for first place in the all-around competition with a score of 37.55.

The Ladies finished with a record of 5-12 that included losses to nationally ranked opponents LSU, Auburn, and Oklahoma.

GENTS RETURN TO WINNING FORM...

The Gents baseball team put themselves back into contention for a berth in the 1995 TAAC Tournament with a three-game sweep over conference foe Florida Atlantic this weekend.

The Gents have three-game series at Samford before hosting Georgia State and Southeastern Louisiana to close out the conference regular season.

SOFTBALL LADIES HANGING TOUGH IN THE TAAC...

After struggling early this season, the Centenary Ladies softball team has regrouped and compiled a TAAC record of 5-5 to tie for second in the Western Division.

The Ladies will meet TAAC rivals Georgia State on April 18 and Samford on April 19 on the road before returning home to host USL and Georgia State.

LOVE FINISHES SIXTH AT TAAC TOURNEY...

The Gents golf team ended their 1995 season with a ninth place finish at the TAAC Tournament in Perry, GA, this past weekend.

Sophomore **Michael Love** led Centenary in scoring and earned All-TAAC honors, tying for sixth with a three-round score of 216.

Other Gent golfers included: **Judson Smith** (T-33, 227), **Ben Young** (T-33, 227), and **Russell Sullivan** (T-51, 239).

LADIES & GENTS FINISH SEASONS AT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both the Centenary Ladies and Gents closed out their 1995 seasons at the TAAC Tournament in Atlanta on April 13-15.

The Ladies defeated Florida Atlantic 9-0 in the opening round before falling for a seventh-place finish while the Gents fell to Stetson and SLU in the opening rounds.

The Ladies finish at 11-7 and record their 16th straight winning season. The Gents end the 95' campaign with a mark of 2-12.

The tournament saw the end for seniors **Sally Calogne** and **Heidi Zimmerman** who posted impressive seasons in 1995 and moved into the Top Ten in school history for career singles victories.

Coach Pattie Adams returns six letterwinners in 1995-96, including 1994 All-Louisiana selection **Melanie Bolton.**

The Gents will lose their two top singles players in **Ashwin Damodaran** and **Davor Poljak**, but **Coach Jimmy Harrison** returns six letterwinners for next season's squad.

Davor Ivancic and **Brent Waguespack** will return for the senior seasons in 1996.

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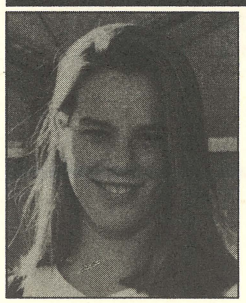


HEIDI ZIMMERMAN
TENNIS

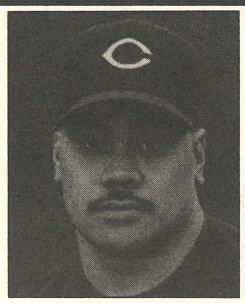
HEIGHT: 5-6
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Denver, PA
LAST SCHOOL: Cocalico High School

As one of only two seniors on this season's Centenary Ladies tennis team, Heidi Zimmerman compiled an impressive record to help guide the Ladies to a 12-8 mark and their 16th straight winning season.

A four-year letterwinner under Coach Pattie Adams, Heidi came to Centenary from Pennsylvania and made an immediate impact in her first season, winning 16 matches. She compiled a seven-match winning earlier this season on way to posting an 14-6 mark at #3 singles and moved into a three-way tie for 9th place all-time in school history with 46 singles victories in her four-year career.

Heidi was the Ladies winningest Trans America Athletic Conference player at 2-0 and combined with teammate Mandy Soderberg on a six-match winning streak to post a 6-3 record in #2 doubles in 1995 heading into the TAAC Tournament..

Heidi is an Applied Science major.



SONNY GAEA
BASEBALL

HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 220
CLASS: Senior
HONORS WON: 1994 All-TAAC 2nd Team, 1994 All-Louisiana 2nd Team
HOMETOWN: Sacramento, CA

After transferring to Centenary from American River JC in Sacramento last season, Sonny is enjoying his best season ever at Centenary. As of April 19, the senior catcher is leading the team with a .364 batting average, 12 doubles, and 30 runs scored. In addition to this, Sonny is tied for second on the squad with eight homeruns.

Earlier this season , Sonny tied a school single-game record with five runs in the Gents 20-2 victory over city-rival Baptist Christian and he recently moved higher in the school's career Top Ten in a unique category. When he was hit by a pitch on April 6, Sonny moved into second-place all-time in school history with 18 hit by pitches in his Gent career.

Last season, the versatile Gaea saw playing time at catcher, DH, first base, second base, and the outfield on way to a .362 batting average and All-Louisiana and All-TAAC second team honors. Sonny is a Criminal Justice major.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

APRIL

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17 (Mon)	Baseball	McNeese State	4:00
18 (Tues)	Softball	*Georgia State	3:00
19 (Wed)	Softball	*Samford	3:00
	Baseball	**McNeese State**	**2:00**
21 (Fri.)	Baseball	*Samford	3:00
22 (Sat.)	**Softball**	**Southwestern Louisiana**	**2:00**
	Baseball	*Samford (DH)	12:00
23 (Sun)	**Softball**	***Georgia State**	**12:00**
25 (Tues.)	Baseball	**Stephen F. Austin**	**4:00**
27 (Thurs.)	**Baseball**	**Louisiana Tech (at FGF)**	**7:00**
28 (Fri.)	Softball	TAAC Tournament	TBA
	Baseball	***Georgia State**	**5:00**
29 (Sat.)	Softball	TAAC Tournament	TBA
	Baseball	***Georgia State (DH)**	**12:00**

MAY

2 (Tues.)	Baseball	Texas-Arlington	2:00
5 (Fri.)	**Baseball**	***SE Louisiana (DH)**	**4:00**
6 (Sat)	**Baseball**	***SE Louisiana (at FGF)**	**3:00**
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12 (Fri.)	Baseball	TAAC Tournament	TBA
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* Trans America Athletic Conference match
FGF- at Fair Grounds Field

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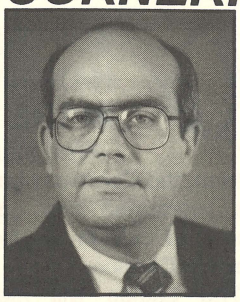

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

Our tennis and golf teams have completed their respective seasons this past week at the TAAC Tournaments in Georgia. Our gymnastics teams has also completed their season with a very strong home meet in the Gold Dome. Softball and baseball both have many games to complete. Both our baseball and softball teams still have great shots at post-season play if we can put some wins together during the remaining conference weekends.

I congratulate these fine coaches and student-athletes for their competitive spirit and hard work. I hope that we will be able to reward the efforts of these individuals and teams with facility improvements which have been mentioned on another page in this issue. The upgrading of these facilities is a key to retaining, recruiting, and rewarding our staff and student-athletes. Our fans also expect comfortable, clean, and well-maintained facilities in which to cheer for their favorite Centenary teams.

Several staff changes are in the works at this time. Over the course of the past few months, I have been developing ways in which we can best utilize our personnel. One of these changes has taken place with the naming of Laneigh Clark as our Compliance Coordinator. Laneigh is also our Head Women's Softball Coach and Senior Women's Administrator. The complexity of the NCAA rules really necessitates this move. I hope to fill the vacant Sports Information Director position within the next three weeks. Other changes will be announced soon.

I an not one to make many promises, but I did make a few as I met our student-athletes this past August upon my arrival at Centenary. I told them that we would have a student-athlete honor roll, senior awards, an athletic trainer, facility improvements, and a student-athlete advisory committee. I am proud to say that we kept all of our promises. There are great days ahead for this athletic program.

Sincerely,
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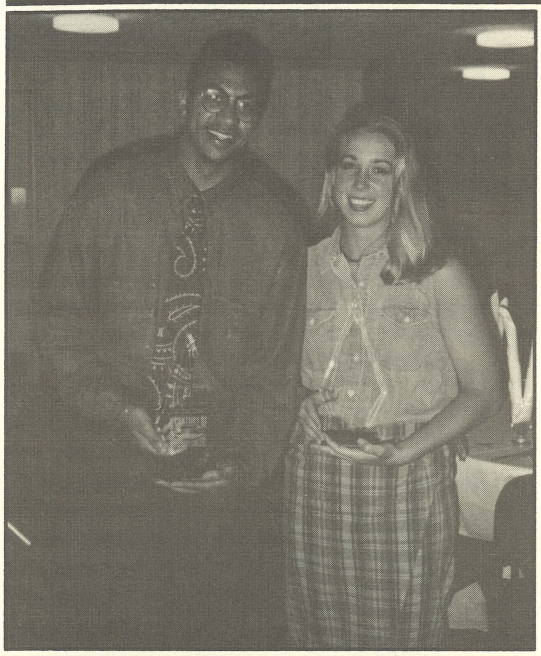

Aljay Foreman and Shelley Marusak were among over 100 student-athletes honored at the second annual Student-Athlete honors dinner on April 24 in Bynum Commons.

MARUSAK AND FOREMAN RECOGNIZED AT ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

DUO NOTED FOR ATHLETIC & ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

Ladies soccer forward **Shelley Marusak** and Gent basketball guard **Aljay Foreman** received the Female and Male Student-Athlete of the Year awards, respectively, at the 1995 All-Sports Banquet held in the South Cafeteria on April 24.

Over 150 awards were presented to the student-athletes who earned outstanding academic or athletic honors in their respective seasons. In addition to these awards, the 1995 Centenary senior student-athletes were presented with "C" Club watches in recognition of their service.

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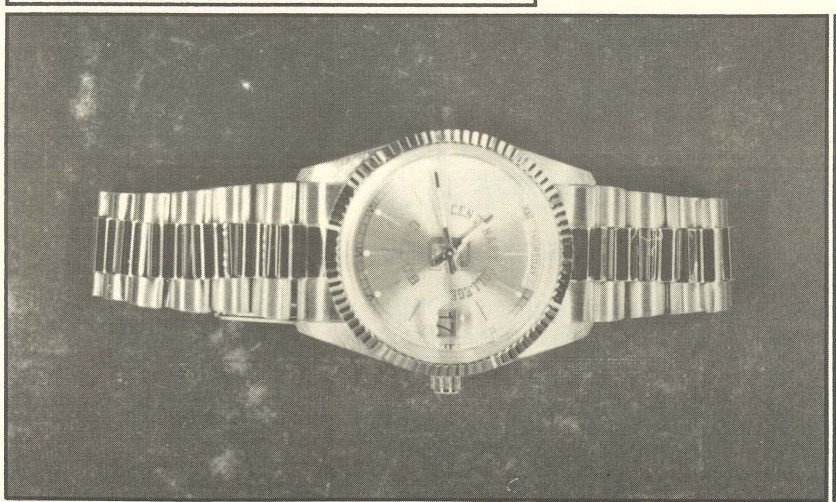
Foreman is a junior on the Gents basketball team and will rank as one of the school's greatest three-point shooters. The Beaumont, TX, native needs only 43 more treys to become the school's all-time leader in that category. He is also currently ranked 7th in school history with 243 assists and second with 172 steals.

Foreman was named to the District VI All-Academic Basketball team this past season and is an Arthur Ashe Scholar.



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT...

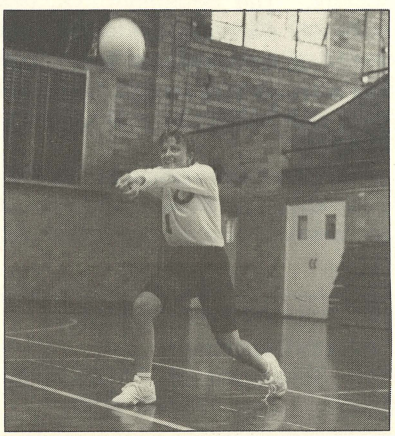
KRISTY RISNER
VOLLEYBALL

A native of New Caney, TX, Kristy closes out her four-year career at Centenary in both volleyball and softball as one of its most decorated athletes.

As a volleyball player, she ranks as the school's all-time digs leader for single-game (31), single-season (348), and career (766). The lone senior on this year's squad, she led the team with a 94.4 serve percentage in 1995.

In softball, Kristy will rank in the Top Ten in school history in nearly every offensive category. In 1994, she batted to a .325 batting average and helped guide the Ladies to a runner-up position at the TAAC Tournament and their most victories ever (24) in Division I.

For both her athletic efforts and her academic success (3.8 GPA) in 1994, Kristy was named the TAAC Female Student-Athlete of the Year and earned a position on the GTE Softball Academic All-America Second Team.



SAYING GOODBYE...

With the school year ending, it means the end for our senior student-athletes. Here are the 1994-95 Centenary senior athletes for all 14 sports. All 34 seniors were honored with "C" Club watches for their years of service to Centenary.

Baseball	Rick Barry
	Danny Caballero
	Sonny Gaea
	Carter Maw
	Tommy Meyers
	David Turkoly
Basketball	Lucien Bianchi
	Jamar Comeaux
	Trenton Smith
	James Thomas
	Josh Wagoner
Men's X-Country	Andy Heinzelmann,
	Elvir Cehajic
	Paul Berry
Women's X-Country	Donna Krolczyk
	Lori May
	Brittany Nutt
Gymnastics	Jennifer Hass
Women's Riflery	Mary Austin
	Kelley McCrary
	Malana Mack
	Abbra Thomason
Men's Riflery	Walter Alexander,
	Elvir Cehajic
	John Teacle
Men's Soccer	Charles Mentesana
	Kevin Rice
Softball	Christie Hulsey
Women's Tennis	Sally Calogne
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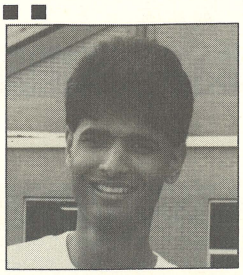


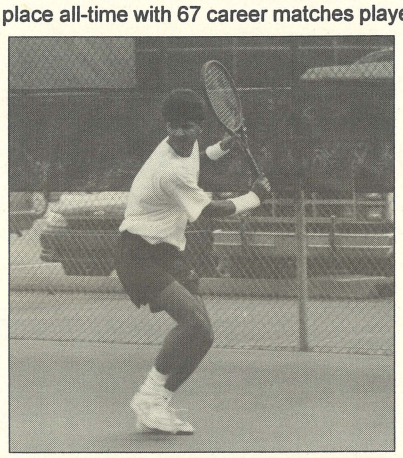
ASHWIN DAMODARAN
MEN'S TENNIS

As a four-year letterman for the Gents tennis team, Ashwin will close out his Centenary career just as he began it— on top.

A native of New Delhi, India, Ashwin played for four years at the #1 singles position and teamed with various partners at the #1 doubles position while at Centenary.

Ashwin combined with Denis Poljak for one of the best doubles tandems in school history. The dynamic duo tallied 12 wins together and rank fifth in school career history with that mark and posted the sixth best single-season performance with eight victories in 1994..

Ashwin enjoyed his most success this past season. He won five singles matches to tie for the team lead and his four victories in doubles competition were second best on the squad in 1995. With his totals, Ashwin moved into a tie for fifth place all-time with 67 career matches played.



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SPRING SPORTS HEADLINES...

GENTS BASEBALL ENDS 5TH IN TAAC...

Despite falling just percentage points short of a berth in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, the 1995 Centenary Gents baseball team defied the pronosticators and earned a fifth place finish in the conference, well ahead of the 8th place finish predicted by the TAAC Head Coaches during the pre-season.

Senior leadership proved to be a valuable commodity in 1995. Outfielder **David Turkoly** led the squad with 12 homeruns and 58 RBI to earn All-TAAC 1st Team honors while catcher **Sonny Gaea** led the team with a .364 batting average on way to All-TAAC 2nd Team honors for the second straight season.

Freshman southpaw **B. J. Ryan** won his last four starts on the mound and finished with a 6-2 mark and 3.59 ERA to lead the squad. **Trey Poland** led the squad with 71 strikeouts.

Head Coach Wayne Rathbun .returns 17 letterwinners but will need to fill the holes left by departing Gent seniors Turkoly, Gaea, **Danny Caballero**, **Carter Maw**, **Tommy Meyers** and **Rick Barry.**

BASKETBALL SIGNS THREE FOR 1995-96...

Head Coach Tommy Vardeman and the Gents basketball team announced the signing of three high school players for the 1995-96 season. **Ben Echols**, **Cornell Hartman** and **Roy Shvartzapel** all signed on the dotted line during the most recent signing period.

Echols comes to Centenary from Episcopal High in Houston, TX. A 6-10, 240-lb forward, Echols averaged 18.3 points, 11.0 rebounds, and 4.0 blocks per game at Episcopal HS.

Shvartzapel averaged 13.0 and 9.0 assists per game as a senior at Westbury HS in Houston TX. At 6-1, 170-lb, Shvartzapel is expected to contribute at the guard position for the 1995-96 season.

Hartman is a 6-7, 220-lb forward from Owasso HS in Owasso, OK where he averaged 18.9 points and 12.1 rebounds per game as a senior.

"We expect fine things from these young men, both athletically and academically," said Vardeman. "All of these players have the potential to step in immediately."

LADIES RALLY, FINISH STRONG IN SOFTBALL...

With only one senior and a schedule featuring some of the nation's top teams, the Centenary Ladies softball team stuck together and earned a berth in the 1995 TAAC Tournament with a runner-up finish in the TAAC Western Division this season.

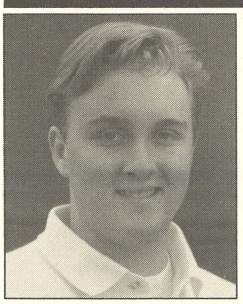
With six freshman and four sophomores on a 14-member team, the Ladies struggled to a 7-36-1 mark. Nevertheless, the team one when it counted and finished with a 6-6 mark in the TAAC West.

Even more impressive was the way these Ladies entered the post-season tournament. In the final game of the season, Centenary edged Georgia State 3-2 for the playoff position..

Senior first baseman **Christie Hulsey** and freshman shortstop **Angela Soliz** each earned All-TAAC Second Team honors. A native of Houston, TX, Soliz led the Ladies with a .283 batting average in her first year of collegiate softball.

Head Coach **Laneigh Clark** returns 13 letterwinners for next season.

CENTENARY SPOTLIGHT ON...



MICHAEL LOVE
GOLF

HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 160
CLASS: Sophomore
LETTERS WON: 2
HONORS WON: 1995 All-TAAC
HOMETOWN: Oklahoma City, OK

For the last two seasons, Gent golfer Michael Love has been one of the team's most consistent players so it would surprise no one when the sophomore linkster earned 1995 All-Trans America Athletic Conference honors with a three-day score of 216 at the conference championships in Perry, GA from April 13-15.

A native of Oklahoma City, TX, Michael has been the Gents' leading scorer over the last two seasons. In the fall of 1993, he averaged a 76.6 score and was first or second on the team in all five events he competed. That spring, he finished third at the Derrall Foreman Invitational and led the team in the last four tournaments.

This past year, he was in the top two on the team in the last four fall events, including a 4th place finish at the Hal Sutton Invitational, and led the squad at the last two tourneys in the spring to finish with a 76.1 scoring average.

CARA COUVILLION
SOFTBALL

HEIGHT: 5-6
CLASS: Sophomore
POSITION: Outfielder
LETTERS WON: 2
HOMETOWN: Pride, LA
LAST SCHOOL: Redemptorist, LA

As a member of the Ladies volleyball and softball teams over the last two seasons, Cara displayed a leadership that allowed her to be named captain of the softball team in only her second year at Centenary.

This past season, Cara set a new personal single-game high with a 2-for-2 performance against future 1995 TAAC Tournament champion and NCAA Tournament participant Campbell. Starting in 29 games, Cara posted a critical RBI in the Ladies 4-2 win at TAAC rival Samford and she even assisted on two putouts from the outfield.

As a true freshman in 1994, Cara finished with a .229 batting average while seeing time in 33 games.

A native of Pride, LA, and an all-star athlete at Redemptorist HS, she has been named to the Dean's List and the All-TAAC Academic teams for the four semesters she has competed at Centenary as an education major.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

CENTENARY GENTS BASKETBALL
1995-96 Schedule

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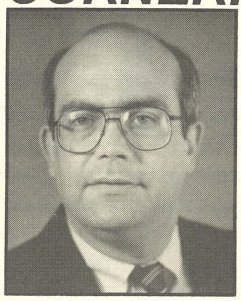

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

This month's Athletic Director's Corner brings good news. The good news is that we are moving ahead with our facility improvements. We have identified a site for our new softball field adjacent to our present soccer and baseball fields. This move will provide a year-round home for our women's softball program. As you may be aware, we have been turning one-third of the soccer field into a softball field every January and then returning the space to a soccer field in May. This process is not only expensive, but it places each of these programs at a disadvantage.

We need to raise approximately $25,000 over the next few months in order for this field to become a reality. We need your help. Please consider a purchase of our "Century of Centenary Athletics" art print as a way to help this cause. All of the proceeds for the sale of this print during the months of May and June will go towards this worthy project. Order your print today. These prints make ideal gifts for birthdays, special occasions, or Father's Day.

The past profits from print sales have most recently paid for our Student-Athlete Honors Dinner. A brochure featuring the print is enclosed in this publication. Also featured in this issue is an offer to purchase a Former Student-Athlete "C"-Club watch. These letter winner watches are identical to those presented to all of our senior student-athletes this past month. If you are a former Centenary student-athlete, you will want one of these watches.

Sincerely,
Russ Sharp

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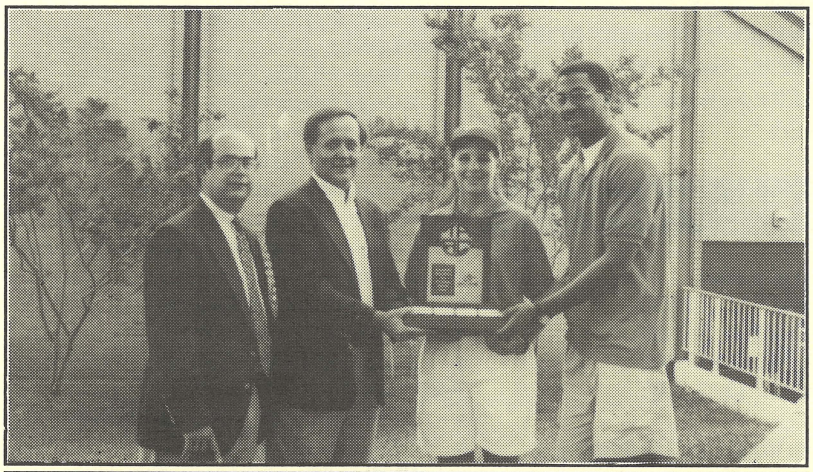
CENTENARY WINS 1994-95 T.A.A.C. ALL-ACADEMIC TROPHY



Centenary Athletic Director Russ Sharp and President Dr. Kenneth Schwab along with Ladies Softball standout Michelle Reeve and Gent basketball star Aljay Foreman proudly show off the 1994-95 Trans America Athletic Conference All-Academic Trophy.

TAAC Honors Record Number of Student-Athletes

Centenary College, with 62 percent of its student-athletes earning All-Academic honors, won the Trans America Athletic Conference All-Academic Trophy on June 16.

"I don't think there is a single other trophy that makes me more proud of our student athletes than to be the academic champs," Centenary President Dr. Kenneth Schwab said. "Because it recognizes both their athletic achievement as well as academic achievement, but focuses on the academics."

Centenary had 83 of its 134 student athletes make the 1994-95 TAAC All-Academic Teams during 1994-95. Forty-eight Centenary student-athletes made the TAAC Fall All-Academic Team, consisting of student-athletes who compete in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and volleyball. Five Gent basketball players also earned All-Academic honors.

Thirty Centenary student-athletes were honored on the Spring All-Academic Team, made up Os baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf.

Centenary finished ahead Mercer University, who was the two-time defending All-Academic Champion. Mercer finished second with 52 percent of its student-athletes earning All-Academic honors.

A record number 644 TAAC student-athletes earned All-Academic honors in 1994-95, surpassing the previous record of 533 set in 1993-94. To earn All-Academic honors, a student-athlete must compete in one of the 13 TAAC Championship sports and post at least a 3.0 grade point average during their season of competition.

Cavell Named New Sports Information Director

On June 13, 1995 Centenary Athletic Director Russ Sharp named Charles Cavell the new Sports Information Director at Centenary.

"I'm very pleased that Charlie Cavell has joined our program as the Sports Information Director here at Centenary," Sharp said. "Charlie brings a depth of experience from his years at LSU, Nicholls State and USL. Charlie has developed numerous contacts within the Louisiana media and he comes well recommended."

A native of Lafayette, La., Cavell takes over as the Sports Information Director after the position was vacated back in May by Cory Rogers.

The 25-year old Cavell is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette and Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La. At Nicholls State he received his Bachelor of Arts in mass communications with a minor in history.

Cavell previously served as a student assistant at LSU (one year) and at Nicholls State (four years). He also worked as a graduate assistant this past school year at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

He has also worked as a sports writer for the **Lafayette Daily Advertiser**, the **Thibodaux Daily Comet** and was the prep editor of the **Bayou Catholic**. Cavell has experience in the broadcast field doing both radio and television broadcasts of football and baseball.

Cavell is engaged to be married to Jennifer M. LeBlanc on November 11.

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SEASON TICKET PACKAGES OFFERED FOR GENT BASKETBALL

Centenary Athletic Director Russ Sharp and Assistant Athletic Director Paul Rasmussen have announced the Corporate Season Ticket Partnership Program for the 1995-96 Centenary Gent basketball season.

Centenary is celebrating its 71st season of basketball and with the support of the fine fans the Gents are hoping to build upon the 70 percent winning percentage in the Gold Dome.

This season the Gents will entertain Top 25 opponent the Tulane Green Wave and in-state rival the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs. In addition to those opponents the Genst will again do battle with TAAC foes like Southeastern Louisiana and Stetson. NCAA Tournament participants Florida International and the College of Charleston will also pay a visit to the Gold Dome.

Those fans and companies that get involved in the Corporate Season Ticket Partnership will benefit from several unique opportunities which include:

- Opportunities for game-night sponsorships (employee and customer appreciation nights).
- Exposure within your business area to a market which includes sought after 18-23-year olds and successful college graduates.
- Involvement with well-respected community outreach programs. Our Be "A" Gents Fan program has recognized over 7,000 of Shreveport/Bossier City's finest elementary students who achieved straight A's on their report card. We support other fine organizations including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.
- A relationship with one of the finest educational institutions in the nation.
- A relationship with an athletic program that has celebrated one hundred years of excellence.
- A relationship with a winner. In the past decade the Gents have won 70 percent of their games played in the Gold Dome.

1995-96 Season Ticket Prices

Individual Ticket Prices

Season Ticket	$70.00
Reserved (single)	$ 7.00
General Admission	$ 6.00
Children under 12	$ 3.00

Reserved season tickets are $70.00 each - a 23 percent discount off regular game prices. Additionally, your company will receive one Centenary Super Sports Pass - which is good for free admission to any other Centenary athletic event - for any season ticket purchased.

Ticket Office (318) 869-5092

Corporate Packages

Platinum Level.....$840
- 12 Reserved Seat Tickets at $70 each
- 12 Super Sports Passes
- $1,200 additional ticket credit for any Centenary athletic event
- Title Sponsorship for one game of choice
- 4 Reserved Parking Passes
- 6 Centenary Gent Fan Packs

Gold Level.....$560
- 8 Reserved Seat Tickets at $70 each
- 8 Super Sports Passes
- $800 additional ticket credit
- 3 Reserved Parking Passes
- 4 Centenary Gent Fan Packs

Silver Level.....$420
- 6 Reserved Seat Tickets at $70 each
- 6 Super Sports Passes
- $600 additional ticket credit
- 2 Reserved Paking Passes
- 3 Centenary Gent Fan Packs

Maroon Level.....$280
- 4 Reserved Seat Tickets at $70 each
- 4 Super Sports Passes
- $400 additional ticket credit
- 1 Reserved Parking Pass
- 2 Centenary Gent Fan Packs

White Level
- 2 Reserved Seat Tickets at $70 each
- 2 Super Sports Passes
- $200 additional ticket credit
- 1 Centenary Gent Fan Pack

The Saturday Night Saver

A reserved seating season ticket package is available for the Gent's five Saturday home games. The cost is $30 - which is 25 percent discount off the walk-up price.

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1995 COLDWELL BANKER / J. WESLEY DOWLING AND ASSOCIATES ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL...

The following is a list of Centenary student-athletes who made the honor roll during the Spring 1995 semester...

Name	Avg.
Mary Austin	4.000
Julie Baldwin	3.812
Kevin Beaver	3.307
Paul Berry	3.333
Lucien Bianchi	3.250
Joseph Biedenharn	3.666
Jeanette Bingeman	3.117
Jeff Blackstone	3.750
Sherri Blake	3.437
Joel Blakeney	3.538
Melanie Bolton	3.166
Rhonda Burgerson	3.600
Sarah Calogne	3.750
Krista Camplen	3.411
Jon Chamberlain	4.000
Martha Chaney	4.000
Tim Chastain	3.800
April Coleman	3.000
Jeff Conrad	3.666
Cara Couvillion	3.785
Ashwin Damodaran	3.307
Taim Dayton	4.000
Maria del Pilar Hemmer	3.647
Kimberly Detillier	3.461
Wendy Eckstrom	4.000
Katrina Ernesto	4.000
Aljay Foreman	3.250
Leah Frierson	3.250
Scott Garrick	4.000
Elton Graugnard	3.250
Allison Gutierrez	3.800
Tara Hammack	3.100
Jennifer Hass	3.700
Richard Hasty	4.000
Holly Hatten	3.352
Sherry Havard	3.769
Cindy Holton	4.000
Christin Horn	4.000
Christie Hulsey	4.000
Kelly Humphreys	3.285
Jona Husbands	3.500
Davor Ivancic	3.538
Greg Jackson	3.600
Robert Jackson	3.400
Christopher Jandebeur	3.181
Ashley Jaye	3.066
John Jenkins	3.500
Brian Kelly	3.500
Rob Kenney	4.000
Amanda Kinasewitz	3.750
Chad King	4.000
Donna Krolczyk	3.200
Ryan Lawrence	3.076
Rogerio Lima	3.571
James Love	4.000
Lauren Madigan	4.000
Michelle Marusak	3.266
Michael Matthews	3.200
Scott Matthews	3.200
Kristen Mavico	4.000
Carter Maw	3.100
Toby Maxson	3.823
Lori May	3.307
Ashley McClaron	4.000
Keegan McConnell	4.000
Kelley McCrary	3.750
Dana McLaughlin	3.625
Charles Mentesana	3.000
Brittany Nutt	3.666
James O'Leary	4.000
Jacob Olivier	3.750
David Orr	3.066
James Pagano	3.222
Michelle Petrik	3.500
Robert Poland, III	3.000
Debra Pratt	3.785
Michelle Reeve	3.727
Brandy Rentz	3.823
Kristy Risner	4.000
Paxton Ross	3.300
Chad Rumfelt	3.181
Christina Sartwell	3.071
Allen Sihatrai	3.142
Steve Simpson	3.333
J. Trent Smith	4.000
Stacy Sokol	3.571
Callie Stanley	4.000
Veronica Stuart	3.812
Russell Sullivan	3.357
Sharon Tallach	3.785
Revous Cordell Taylor	3.142
Jon Teacle	3.000
Thuan Minh Thai	3.166
Abbra Thomason	4.000
Matt Thornton	4.000
Jolie Veilleux	3.142
Mark Vineyard	3.625
Josh Wagoner	3.058
Brent Waguespack	3.714
Amy Warren	4.000
Daniel Warren	3.529
Edward Wicker	4.000
Neal Williams	3.285
Heidi Zimmerman	4.000

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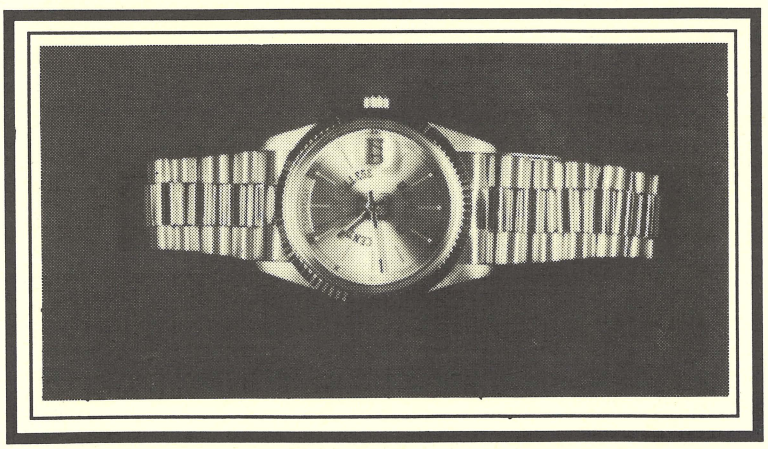

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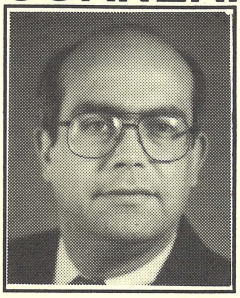

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer and trying to avoid the recent heat wave that has hit our part of the country. While summer is a slow time for many, things could not be busier here at Centenary College.

We are completing our first week of our National Youth Sports Program. This program is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Resources and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. We have approximately 225 kids age 10-16 on our campus during the day involved in sports and educational activities. The vast majority of these kids come from a disadvantaged background and live within the Highland-Stoner Hill area.

We are at the halfway point in our fund drive for the new Ladies softball field. We still need your help so we can make this new facility a reality. We desperately need to begin construction later this month so the field will be in playing condition by the spring season. Please contact me at (318) 869-5087 if you can help or know of others who might be interested in helping out.

This issue highlights us recently winning the Trans America Athletic Conference's All-Academic Trophy for 1994-95 and for those student-athletes who made the Coldwell Banker - J. Wesley Dowling and Associates Student-Athlete Honor Roll. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and parents for a job well done.

July marks the kick-off of our Corporate Partners Season Ticket Campaign. Please give this program some strong consideration for your sports marketing and entertainment plans and dollars. We offer Division I college athletics and outstanding entertainment at a reasonable price. Centenary College truly is your most "intelligent" choice for sports.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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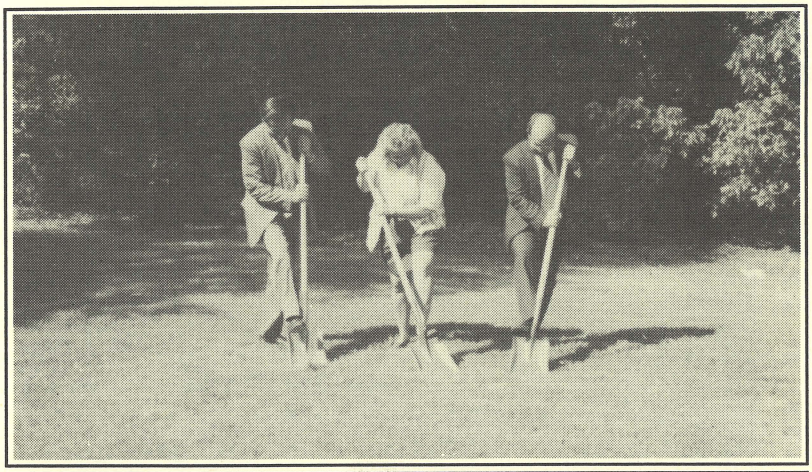
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES TAKE PLACE FOR NEW CENTENARY SOFTBALL FIELD



Centenary President Dr. Kenneth Schwab, Ladies softball coach Laneigh Clark and athletic director Russ Sharp dig out a piece of dirt on the site of the new Centenary Softball Field.

Construction on the new site is already underway

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Centenary Softball Field was held at the site of the new field on the morning of Wednesday, August 16. Centenary President Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab, director of athletics Russ Sharp and softball coach Laneigh Clark all dug out of piece of the hard north Louisiana red dirt to commemorate the beginning of the project.

"This is a great day for women's athletics at Centenary," said Sharp. "Not only will this new facility benefit our softball team but our soccer teams as well. Until this year the softball field was located on the soccer field which was a disadvantage for all parties. This is phase one of an ongoing project to upgrade all of our athletic facilities."

Design plans for the new softball field were done by Centenary alumnus John Copeland of BBC Engineering. The new field will be located adjacent to Centenary Park, which is the home of the Gents baseball team. Billy Grisham of Grisham Construction, who is a long time Centenary supporter, has already begun construction on the new field.

"We began this project about 11 to 12 months ago," Sharp said. "The initial phase will cost us approximately 25,000 dollars, which we are happy to say is being paid through a tremendous fund-raising effort. We also hope to have the feild ready in about six to seven weeks, but that's not including the grass for the field which will take time to grow."

The new facility is something that Clark believes not only gives her team a home, but helps with recruiting as well.

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Jones Joins Centenary Staff

The newest member of the Centenary Athletic Department is assistant soccer coach Jed Jones. Jones begins his first season as the assistant soccer coach for both the Gents and Ladies soccer programs after a successful collegiate and professional playing career.

A native of Norman, Oklahoma, Jones played professional soccer for the Oklahoma City Slickers of the USISL from 1992 to 1994. Prior to that he played with the Oklahoma Spirit, a semi-professional team, for two years. Jones helped lead the Spirit to the Lone Star Soccer Alliance Championship in 1989.

Jones played collegiately at Oklahoma City University, where he was the Co-Captain of the Chiefs for all four years. He also helped OCU to the NAIA District Nine finals three straight seasons. In 1987 as a sophomore he led the Chiefs in scoring. Jones graduated from OCU in 1994 with a bachelors of science degree in education.

The 27-year old Jones has quite a bit of coaching experience. He comes to Centenary after serving as an assistant coach at his alma mater for the past two years. Prior to his stint at OCU, he was an assistant coach at Norman High School. He also has been the head coach of many club teams.

Jones holds a United States Soccer Federation "B" Coaching License as well as the International Coaching License of the Football Association of Ireland.

Jones and his fiance', Stacy Kroll, plan to be married after she finishes her studies at the University of Oklahoma Dental School.

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A couple of members of the Centenary Ladies Softball team along with Centenary softball coach Laneigh Clark try to dig out a piece of the new softball field.

Centenary Golf Tournament A Success!

The Centenary College Athletic Department sponsored the first-ever "Teeing Off the Second Century of Centenary Athletics" golft tournament Monday, August 21 at Northwood Country Club.

The tournament was held in an effort to raise money to pay for the remaining costs on the new Centenary Softball Field.

"I think the golf tournament was a big success," Centenary director of athletics Russ Sharp said. "I think everyone involved had a great time and their efforts help raise approximately $4,500 for our new softball field. I would like to thank all those who participated and that helped out."

The four-man scrambles tournament was won by the team of Bob Brown, Carl Mikovich, Brett Josey and Larry Ludwig, who fired a low-net score of 51. Second place honors went to the team of E. Ray Kethley, Mike Basset, Huey Knotts and Peter Gunter whot shot a 52.

The low-gross winners were the team of Mike McCarthy, Dave Taylor, Ted Boddie and Wayne McGee. The longest drive winner was Bill Overdyke, who had a tremendous 300-plus yard drive. Mary Lynn Stewart was the closest-to-the-hole winner by putting her drive approximately 10 inches from the cup on the par-3 sixth hole.

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"This is something I thought we've needed for a long time, but wouldn't see," said the fifth-year coach. "Last year we got an athletic director who felt the same way I did and now it's become a reality. I didn't believe it at first but its nice to have our own place to play. Before we didn't have fall practice because the soccer team needed the field and the new field will also help us with recruiting. Recruits go to other places and see these nice facilities and now we will be able to show them that we have a nice place as well."

For two members of the Centenary Ladies softball team, the chance to play in their own park gives them a feeling of equality.

"When we first got here we were told we would be getting a field, but no one thought it would really happen," said junior catcher Robin Rackley. "I know coach Clark and Mr. Sharp have worked real hard on this and now it feels as though softball is equal to everyone else."

"It puts softball on equal footing with all our other sports," junior outfielder Tara Hammack said. "Baseball has their field, soccer theirs, basketball has the Dome and now we've got our own place to play."

The second phase of facility improvements includes upgrades for softball, baseball and soccer. Plans have been finalized for permanent seating at each venue, press box facilities, restroom and concession facilities, lighting, scoreboards as well as underground sprinkler systems.

On Monday, August 28 bulldozers and escavators began clearing out fences, dirt and other debris that occupied the site of the new softball field.

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SEARCH FOR FORMER PLAYERS

The following is a list of former Centenary basketball players that the Athletic Department needs to get in touch with. If you have an address or phone number of any of these players please call (318) 869-5090.

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William Francis Bergman
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Bennie DePrang
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Roosevelt Fuller
Leroy Hogg
James Earle Horne
Lonnie LeFevre
Claudell Lofton
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Jesse Marshall
Barry McCleod
John Murphy
Herman Elton Odom
Howard Samuel Roberts
Phil Frank Schumaker
Cal Smith
Kevin Starke
Aaron Strayhorn
Tamek Stremel
Ronald D. Todd
Greg John Weis
Donald Alan Wills
Fred James Zitar

Reunion To Be Held For Former Players

Players and coaches from the 70's

A reunion for former Centenary basketball players and coaches and from the decade of the 1970's will be held on Saturday, October 21.

Festivities will include and Old-Timers scrimmage, contests and games, a luncheon, an intersquad scrimmage of the 1995-96 Gents and a evening reception.

During the decade of the 70's the Gents had six winning seasons and were ranked in the Top 20 for three seasons through 1974-76. Also during that period Robert Parish was named an All-American.

Families are welcome to attend, but those who plan on attending must R.S.V.P. by calling (318) 869-5087 or 5090 by October 1.

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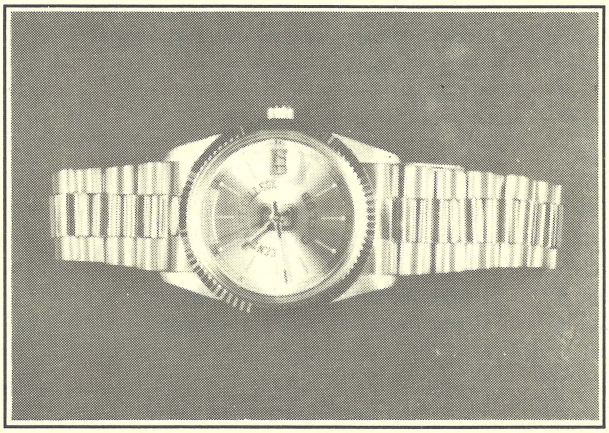

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CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

Monthly Schedule of Athletics

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sep. 12	**Ladies Soccer vs. Georgia State**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 13	**Gents Soccer vs. Mercer**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 14	**Ladies Soccer vs. Mercer**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 15-16	Volleyball at NLU Tournament	TBA
Sep. 16	**Cross Country at Louisiana Tech Invit.**	**8:30 a.m.**
Sep. 17	**Ladies Soccer vs. Southeastern La.**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 19	Volleyball at Louisiana Tech	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 20	**Volleyball vs. Alcorn State**	**7 p.m.**
Sep. 21	Gents Soccer at Arkansas-Little Rock	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 23	Cross Country at Arkans-Little Rock Invit.	8:30 a.m.
Sep. 23	**Volleyball vs. Jacksonville State**	**5 p.m.**
Sep. 23	**Ladies Soccer vs. Campbell**	**4 p.m.**
Sep. 23-24	Gents Soccer at SMU Tournament	1 p.m.
Sep. 27	**Ladies Soccer vs. LSU**	**4 p.m.**
Sep. 27	Volleyball at North Texas	7 p.m.
Sep. 30	Cross Country at Lousiana Collegiate Invit.	8 a.m.
Sep. 30	Ladies Soccer at Texas Tech Tournament	1 p.m.
Sep. 30	**Gents Soccer vs. Campbell**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 30	Volleyball at Prairie View A&M	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	**Ladies Soccer vs. Texas Tech**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 4	Ladies Soccer at Southeastern Louisiana	3 p.m.
Oct. 4	Volleyball at Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	**Ladies Soccer vs. Oral Roberts**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 6	**Gents Soccer vs. Oral Roberts**	**3 p.m.**
Oct. 6	Volleyball at Alcorn State	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	**Ladies Soccer vs. South Alabama**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 8	**Gents Soccer vs. South Alabama**	**3 p.m.**
Oct. 8-10	Golf at Louisiana Intercollegiate	TBA
Oct. 10	Ladies Soccer at Jacksonville State	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	**Volleyball vs. Northwestern State**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 12	Ladies Soccer at Campbell	4 p.m.
Oct. 12	Gents Soccer at Campbell	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	**Volleyball vs. Samford**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 14	Gents Soccer at College of Charleston	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	**Volleyball vs. Prairie View A&M**	**2 p.m.**

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER...

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

The fall athletic season is in full swing. Our volleyball and soccer teams have begun competition after their pre-season practice sessions during August. I'm looking forward to the continued success of our men's and women's soccer teams and much improved performance from women's volleyball. Men's and women's cross country have stepped up their training now that classes have started and we should see improvement there as well.

Since our last issue of the Centenary Sports Report, ground has been broken on our new softball complex and construction is well underway. We expect to have grass growing in the outfield by the end of the month. The Teeing Off A Second Century Athletics Golf Tourney was held at Northwood Country Club on August 21st - thanks to Northwood and all of the golfers who played and the various local businesses who helped make the event a success.

A few new athletic department staffers have joined us over the summer. They will be featured in this and upcoming issues. The new Sports Medicine area located in the Gold Dome is now up and running at full speed as well as new locker rooms for the men's and women's soccer teams. These facilities were badly needed and much appreciated by our student-athletes. All of these improvements were made possible by gifts from our loyal supporters. We have identified $845,000 in needed improvements to our athletic facilities. Detailed plans regarding these improvements and how you can help will be included in coming issues of the Centenary Sports Report.

A Fall Sports Schedule has been included in this mailing. Please make plans now to come to campus and support your Ladies and Gents.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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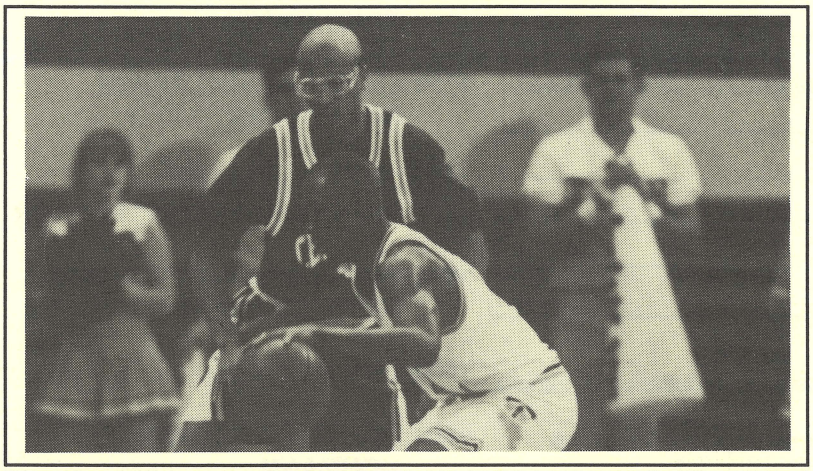
CENTENARY GENTS BASKETBALL TEAM STARTS SEASON ON A POSITIVE NOTE



Senior guard Aljay Foreman playing tough defense against Louisiana Tech. The Gents overcame an 11-point second half deficit to defeat the Bulldogs 65-58. Centenary will play its first road game of the season on Dec. 6th at Texas Christian University.

Gents have won three of four games to start season

The Centenary basketball team has started the 1995-96 season on a positive note having won three of its first four games. The latest win coming over in-state rival Louisiana Tech.

On Dec. 2nd the Gentlemen overcame an 11-point second half deficit to take a 65-58 win over the Bulldogs. Centenary outscored Tech 29-7 in the final nine minutes, including a pivotal 13-2 run in which the Gents took a 53-51 lead. Senior forward Lincoln Abrams played a key role in the win having scored eight of the Gents 10 points during that 13-2 run. Abrams finished with a game-high 25 points.

On Nov. 27th the 25th-ranked Tulane Green Wave paid a visit to the Gold Dome and received quite a scare from the Gents. Centenary led 41-39 at the half and after a number of lead changes in the second half Tulane would take control of the game. With three minutes remaining and the Green Wave ahead 76-73, Tulane went on an 8-0 run which would seal the Gents doom. The Greenies would escape with the 88-75 win.

The Gents opened the season on November 25th against East Texas Baptist University. The Gents defeated the Tigers 89-85 in a game in which Centenary let a 25-point lead slip away. Centenary led 55-30 at halftime but hot three-point shooting by the Tigers and turnovers saw the Gents lead slowly slip away in the second half. The Gents had to fend off a late Tiger rally in order to seal the victory.

Centenary takes to the road for the first time this season as the Gents will travel to Fort Worth, Texas on Dec. 6 to battle the TCU Horned Frogs. After the TCU game, the Gents will stay in the state of Texas as they go to Waco to participate in the Dr. Pepper Invitational hosted by Baylor University. Centenary will play the host Bears in the opening round of the tournament.

New Athletic Trainer Comes to Centenary

The newest member of the Centenary Athletic Department staff is assistant athletic trainier Joshua Bernstein. Bernsteins's position at Centenary was made possible through a partnership between Centenary and HCA Highland Hospital.

A native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Bernstein came to Centenary this fall after graduating from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's of science in athletic training education. As part of the partnership agreement Bernstein is pursuing his master's degree in education and anticipates graduating in the spring of 1997. He also works with other trainers from Highland Hospital to provide sports medicine at local high schools.

Bernstein is a certified athletic trainer having received his certification from the National Athletic Trainers Association.

While at New Mexico State Bernstein was a member of the sports medicine program. The program provided sports medicine to the Aggies 18 intercollegiate sports.

He is a graduate of Santa Fe High School and attended Santa Fe Community College before moving on to New Mexico State.

The 24-year old Bernstein's responsibilities at Centenary include providing medical care to all athletes. His primary sports include men's and women's soccer and baseball.

Bernstein hopes to become a head trainer at a Division I university and eventually delve into professional sports. He aspires to become an athletic trainer for an NBA or NFL team.

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CENTENARY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Centenary College Athletic Department is accepting nominations for the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame. Please read the criteria and complete the nomination form then return the form to Russ Sharp, Director of Athletics, P.O. Box 41188, Shreveport, LA 71134-1188. If you have any questions you may call (318) 869-5275.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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Full Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

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Reasons for Nomination: *(List activities and contributions; provide a biographical statement about the nominee.)*

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Name and Phone # of Nominator: _____

CRITERIA

1. Recipient must be an ex-student, although not necessarily a graduate of Centenary, or a former coach, manager or trainer.
2. The date of graduation or termination of attendance or employment must have preceded the award by at least ten years.
3. The recipient must have made a distinctive contribution to an area of intercollegiate athletics while at Centenary, earning local, regional and/or national acclaim.
4. Post collegiate performance will be considered in making the selection.
5. A special category is also reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program although not a student-athlete, coach, manager or trainer.

Presentation of Awards will be made at the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Mar. 23, 1996. Location to be announced. DEADLINE for nominations is Jan. 15, 1996.

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1988: PAUL "HOSS" GEISLER
ROBERT PARISH

1989: CONWAY BAKER
CECIL UPSHAW*

1990: ROBERT "CAL" HUBBARD
TOM KERWIN

1991: FILES "DUTCH" BINION
HAL SUTTON

1992: KATHY JOHNSON
RAYMOND "BUDDY" PARKER

1993: HAROLD "SHORTY" OSLIN
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1994: ORVIS SIGLER

1995: WALTER C. "COWBOY" HOHMANN

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Key Rule

NCAA Bylaw 13.01.5.1

In Division I, representatives of an institution's interests are prohibited from making in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts, or written or telephonic communications with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians.

RULE INTERPRETATIONS

1. A representative of a Division I institution is prohibited from making in-person recruiting contact with a prospect and his or her parents/guardians - - on or off campus.

Limited Exception: A representative may have contact with a prospect regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities such as summer employment, provided the prospect has already signed a National Letter of Intent and the institution is aware that you are making these contacts in regard to the employment.

2. A Division I representative is prohibited from writing or telephoning a prospect and his or her parents or legal guardians.

Limited Exception: A representative may have a phone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. Such a call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member and the representative is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation, but may exhibit normal civility. The representative must refer any questions about the college's athletic program to the athletics department staff member.

3. A representative is prohibited from contacting a prospect's coach, principal, or couselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.

Limited Exception: NCAA rules do not prelude a representative from viewing a prospect's contest on the representative's own initiative, but the representative may not contact the prospect.

What is an "extra benefit?"

An extra benefit would include provision of any transportation, meals, clothes, entertainment, preferential loan terms or other benefit offered to a student-athlete unavailable to the general student population.

A representative may not provide any such extra benefit to an enrolled student-athlete or their family. Simply put, you may not treat a student-athlete any differently than a student who does not participate in athletics.

Key Contact

Questions regarding NCAA rules, especially those relating to contact between alumni and recruits and alumni and enrolled students can be directed to Centenary's NCAA liaison, Senior Women's Administator Laneigh Clark.
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Thank you for your support of intercollegiate athletics.
We ask for your cooperation in keeping Centenary's tradition of athletic integrity intact.
Your assistance also will insure the eligibility of both high school prospects and enrolled student-athletes.

Two final reminders:
1) Please contact the Centenary athletic department for NCAA rules interpretations
2) Remember that in most cases: **CONTACT IS PROHIBITED.**

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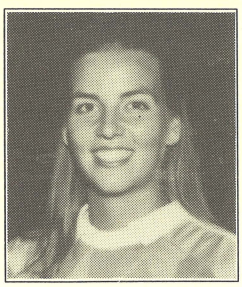


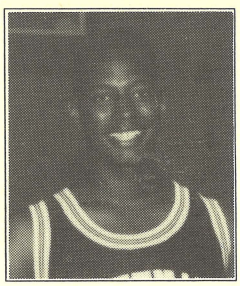
MARTHA CHANEY

HEIGHT: 5-7
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Goalkeeper
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Richardson, Texas
LAST SCHOOL: Berkner High School

One of the "Original Ladies", senior goalkeeper Martha Chaney dazzled fans and opponents with her play during the season. She is the most proficient goalkeeper in school history as she holds every goalkeeping record at Centenary.

The Richardson, Texas native has garnered numerous accolades in her career as a Lady. This season she was honored by the Trans America Athletic Conference as she was named First Team All-Conference.

She finished the season with a 0.72 goals-against-average while posting an incredible nine shutouts.



LINCOLN ABRAMS

HEIGHT: 6-7
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Forward
LETTERS WON: 1
HOMETOWN: Little Rock, Arkansas
LAST SCHOOL: New Mexico Military

Has been the key ingredient in Centenary winning its first three out of four basketball games.

Abrams leads the team in scoring as he is averaging 19.3 points per game and is shooting an incredible 69 % from the field.

He tied a career-high for points with 25 against longtime Centenary rival Louisiana Tech. Against Tech Abrams scored eight of the Centenary's 10 points during a key 13-2 run in which the Gents tied the game at 51.

He has been the most consistent player for the Gents through the first four games of the season. He has also been nominated for the Trans America Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

Monthly Schedule of Athletics

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Dec. 6	Basketball at TCU	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 8-9	Basketball at Dr. Pepper Tournament	TBA
Dec. 16	Basketball at Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	Basketball at LSU	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	Basketball at LSU	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	**Basketball vs. Florida Atlantic**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 6	**Basketball vs. Florida International**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 11	Basketball at Central Florida	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Basketball at Stetson	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	**Basketball vs. Jacksonville State**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 20	**Basketball vs. Samford**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 23	Basketball at Lamar	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 27	Basketball at Southeastern Louisiana	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 1	Basketball at Mercer	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Basketball at Georgia State	1:15 p.m.
Feb. 5	**Basketball vs. Southeastern Louisiana**	**7:05 p.m.**
Feb. 8	**Basketball vs. Mercer**	**7:05 p.m.**
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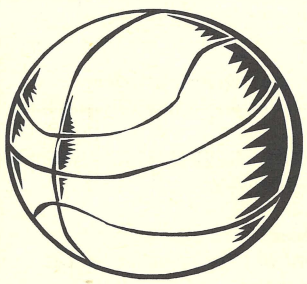


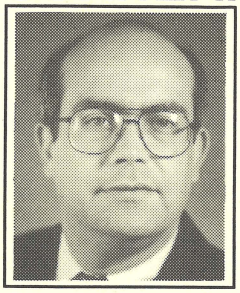
MAROON MAGIC IS BACK!

1995-96 CENTENARY GENTS BASKETBALL

DID YOU GET YOUR TICKETS?

If you haven't purchased your basketball season tickets you'll be missing out on some exciting college basketball. Maroon Magic is back and this season the Gents will play host to the some very tough teams including all of the TAAC schools. So don't miss out on the Magic call the Centenary Athletic Department at (318) 869-5275 for your season tickets!

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER...



DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to see a Gents basketball game. The Gents have really come on strong with a great win against I-20 rival Louisiana Tech and a very close game against Top 25 - Tulane. I'm expecting great things from our basketball team this season.

I'm happy to report that we have more than doubled the number of basketball season tickets sold this season. This is a trend that we will need to maintain if we are to have a strong and viable athletic program.

Construction is going strong on our women's softball field, the dugouts are up along with a quite a bit of fencing. We'll be ready to play in February.

I would like to call special attention to two articles in this issue of the Centenary Sports Report. The subject of the first article is the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's Hall of Fame Dinner will be held during alumni weekend on Saturday, March 23, 1995 at the Sheraton Shreveport. Mark your calendars and consider making a nomination of a deserving individual who has contributed to our athletic program. The second mentions NCAA rules that you should be aware of. Centenary College President Ken Schwab and I are both committed to compliance with NCAA rules and I appreciate you attention to this article.

Please allow me to close by wishing each of you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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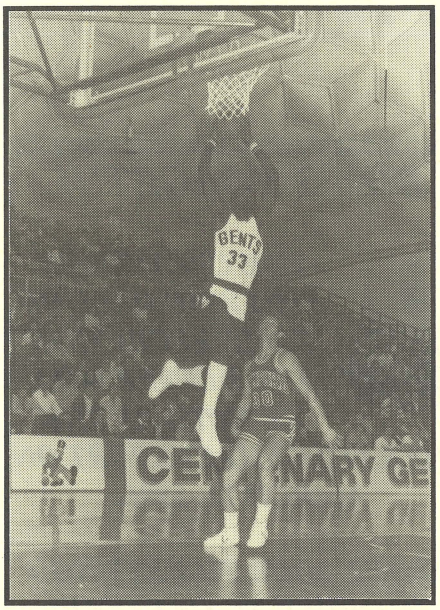
CENTENARY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES LIST OF INDUCTEES



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Jackson set numerous records during his four-year career as a Gent. He still holds the school and Trans America Athletic Conference record for points scored in a career with 2,535. During his years at Centenary, Jackson became the only player in TAAC history to be named the league's Player-of-the-Year three times. The Sibley, La. product tossed in 30 or more points in 21 games in his stellar career as a Gent.

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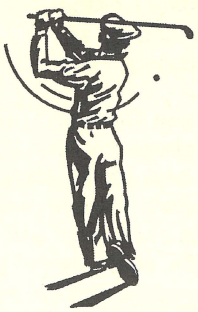
Fulco Steps Down, Stewart Takes Over

On Feb. 9, 1996 Centenary director of athletics Russ Sharp announced that A.W. "Buck" Fulco stepped down as the head golf coach at Centenary College and Martin Stewart is the new coach. Fulco will no longer serve as the head golf coach but will handle some of the administrative duties as well as recruiting for the program.

"I'm awfully sad to see coach Fulco step down as our head golf coach," Sharp said. "Buck did an outstanding job as our head coach during the time that I've been here and I'm saddened to see we'll no longer have his presence in that position. I also think that we are lucky to be able to have an individual of Martin Stewart's caliber take over the position. Martin brings a breath of knowledge and teaching ability that will greatly enhance the competitiveness of our golf program."



Stewart along with his wife Mary Lynn own Championship Links which is a par three nine-hole golf course, a driving range and a teaching facility located in north Shreveport. The 45-year old Stewart, has been associated with golf in Shreveport since 1973 when he became the pro at the Shreveport Country Club and is very excited about taking over as new coach.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to coach and teach a fine group of young men," said Stewart. "I hope to be able to draw from my teaching experiences and build a strong team which will be good for the players, Centenary and Shreveport."

A native of Shreveport, Stewart is 1972 graduate of Northeast Louisiana University and has been playing the game of golf since sixth grade. At an early age Stewart's family moved to Monroe, La. where at the age of 14 he began his life of teaching the game under the tutelage of golf pro Johnny Myers at the Monroe Municipal Golf Course. Stewart, who played competitively at both Neville High School and NLU, credits Fulco for building a solid program at Centenary.

"I want to say that Buck has done an excellent job of building this program to where it should be," Stewart said. "I'm happy to have him stay involved in the program and help me out."

Fulco cited his involvement as the chairman of the Shreveport Parks and Recreation Advisory Council as the main reason for his resignation.

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second place trophy and one medal. Edwards posted an incredible 86-6 (.935) record at Centenary and an even more unbelievable 522-18 (.967) career coaching record.

Also selected to the Hall was All-American tennis player Lauren Cotter-Ingram. Cotter-Ingram, a native of Shreveport, transferred to Centenary in 1981 after spending two years at SMU. In the finals of the1983 NAIA National Tennis Tournament, Cotter-Ingram upset the number-one seeded Mary Spain of the College of Charleston in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. She helped lead the Centenary Ladies to a second place finish in the tournament. Cotter-Ingram finished her career at Centenary with an impressive 36-8 (.818) singles record.

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WILLIE JACKSON

* Deceased

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME TICKET ORDER FORM

(Tickets are $20 each)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Mail Form along with check for the amount of tickets to:
Russ Sharp, Director of Athletics, Centenary College, P.O. Box 41188,
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188

DON'T FORGET!!!

THE CENTENARY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME RECEPTION AND DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE SHERATON-SHREVEPORT ON MARCH 23, 1996.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW IN ORDER TO GET GOOD SEATS.

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The Super Sports Pass is good for one General Admission Ticket to every Centenary College home athletic event for one year except men's basketball. Men's basketball is half-price with the Super Sports Pass. With the Super Sports Pass an adult single game ticket is only $3.00 and a child's ticket is $1.50. Join the excitement and take advantage of this great offer. Super Sports Passes make great gifts, so be sure to get yours today!

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COLDWELL BANKER - J. WESLEY DOWLING & ASSOCIATES 1995 FALL ATHLETIC HONOR ROLL

The following is a list of student athletes that achieved a cumlative grade point average of 3.00 or better during the 1995 Fall semester.

GENTS BASKETBALL
Aljay Foreman
Shay Journo
Herbert Lang
Paxton Ross
Chad Rumfelt

LADIES VOLLEYBALL
Julie Baldwin
Brandy Boger
Beth Bonner
Tara Hammack
Sharon Johnson
Robin Rackley
Angela Soliz
Kim Bolin
Erin Sansalone
Sharon Tallach

GENTS CROSS COUNTRY
Timothy Dayton
Elton Granguard
Scott Jackson
Micah Strange

LADIES CROSS COUNTRY
Lauren Madigan
Callie Stanley
Cher Bingham
Cara Couvillion
Kelly Griffin
Michelle Reeve
Pilar Hemmer

GENTS SOCCER
Joel Blakeney
Tim Chastain
Scott Garrick
Brian Hodge
Jona Husbands
Jason Lowe
Toby Maxson
Keegan McConnell
Ryan O'Leary
Dell Taylor
Matt Thornton
Danny Warren
Scott Yerby

LADIES SOCCER
Jeanette Bingeman
Sheri Blake
Kathy Brashears
Krista Camplen
Martha Chaney
Mary Cholley
Vickie Cloud
Wendy Eckstrom
Ashley Jaye
Anita Le
Shelly Marusak
Kristen Mavico
Lyndsay McDonough
Amy Mieger
Erin Ongley
Debra Pratt
Amy Williams

C - Club Corner...

A group of former Centenary student-athletes have been busy getting the C-Club reorganized this past year. The C-Club has been active in raising money to pay for last year's senior award watches and other improvements in the athletic department.

If you would like to become involved in C-Club activities, please let us know by calling or writing: Russ Sharp, Director of Athletics, Centenary College, P.O. Box 41118, Shreveport, LA 71134-1188 or (318) 869-5087.

The C-Club is currently promoting the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held on March 23, 1996 at the Sheraton-Shreveport. You interest and support is appreciated.

JOIN THE C - CLUB TODAY!

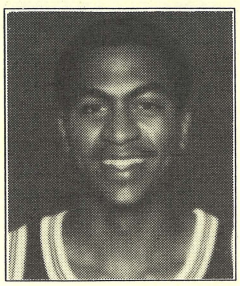
CENTENARY SPOTLIGHT ON...

VERONICA STUART

HEIGHT: 5-4
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Conyers, Georgia
MAJOR: Psychology

This senior gymnast is one of the all-time best to wear a Centenary gymnastic uniform. Her 9.850 on the vault at Oklahoma last year not only set the school record in that event, it set the school record for a score in any event. She also holds the school record on the balance beam, along with senior teammate Jolie Veilleux.

Veronica has continued, this year, to set a standard of excellence for the Ladies. Her 38.2375 All-Around average is the highest on the team and her 9.750 on the Floor exercise at the Oklahoma meet is the best score by a Lady this year. The two-time all-america will graduate in May with a degree in Pschology.



ALJAY FOREMAN

HEIGHT: 6-1
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Guard
LETTERS WON: 3
HOMETOWN: Beaumont, Texas
LAST SCHOOL: West Brook HS

Has been a solid player for the past three years for the Gents and during his senior campaign this season Foreman has broken some records.

Foreman broke the Trans America Athletic Conference and school record for three-pointers made in a career. He is currently has connected on 257 trey's in his career.

He also set the school record in steals, breaking the record of 205 set by Willie Jackson. Foreman is currently up to 221 thefts in his career.

Earlier in the season Foreman eclipsed the 1,000 point mark and he ranks 19th on the Centenary all-time scoring list.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

Monthly Schedule of Athletics

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Feb. 26	Golf at SLU/Mardi Gras Collegiate	TBA
Feb. 26	**Gents Tennis vs. Grambling State**	**2 p.m.**
Feb. 27	Golf at SLU/Mardi Gras Collegiate	TBA
Feb. 27	Ladies Tennis at McNeese	TBA
Feb. 27	Ladies Softball at Northwestern State	1 p.m.
Feb. 28	**Gents Baseball vs. Oral Roberts**	**4 p.m.**
Feb. 29	**Gents Baseball vs. Oral Roberts**	**2 p.m.**
Feb. 29	Basketball at TAAC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 1	Basketball at TAAC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 1	**Ladies Tennis vs. TAAC West**	**8 a.m.**
Mar. 1	**Gents Tennis vs. TAAC West**	**8 a.m.**
Mar. 2	Basketball at TAAC Tournament	TBA
Mar. 2	**Ladies Tennis vs. TAAC West**	**9 a.m.**
Mar. 2	**Gents Tennis vs. TAAC West**	**9 a.m.**
Mar. 2	Ladies Softball at McNeese	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	Golf at UNO Intercollegiate	TBA
Mar. 4	Golf at UNO Intercollegiate	TBA
Mar. 5	Golf at UNO Intercollegiate	TBA
Mar. 5	**Gents Baseball vs. Northwestern State**	**4 p.m.**
Mar. 5	Ladies Softball at USL	2 p.m.
Mar. 8	**Gymnastics vs. Air Force**	**TBA**
Mar. 8	Ladies Softball at Texas A&M Tourney	TBA
Mar. 9	Gents Baseball vs Indiana at San Antonio, TX	6 p.m.
Mar. 9	Ladies Softball at Texas A&M Tourney	TBA
Mar. 10	Gents Baseball vs. Indiana at San Antonio, TX	2 p.m.
Mar. 10	Ladies Softball at Texas A&M Tourney	TBA
Mar. 12	**Gents Baseball vs. Grambling State**	**2 p.m.**
Mar. 13	**Ladies Tennis vs. Northwestern State**	**3 p.m.**
Mar. 13	Gents Baseball at McNeese State	5 p.m.
Mar. 13	Ladies Softball at Sam Houston State	2 p.m.
Mar. 14	Gents Tennis at LSU	2 p.m.
Mar. 15	Gymnastics at LSU	TBA
Mar. 15	Gents Tennis at UNO	8 a.m.
Mar. 15	**Gents Baseball vs. LSU-S**	**7 p.m.**
Mar. 16	**Ladies Softball vs. Jacksonville State**	**1 p.m.**

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER...

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

By the time you receive this issue of the Centenary Sports Report, our basketball team will be participating in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament in DeLand, Florida and all of Spring sports will be in high gear.

Baseball, softball, tennis, golf and gymnastics have been very active this past month and posted some impressive performances. Our Ladies softball team played the first game at the new Centenary Softball Field on February 11th with Centenary College President Ken Schwab throwing out the first pitch. Formal dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 1996 at 1 p.m. Please join us for the festivities.

Plans are underway for the expansion and renovation of our existing soccer facility. We need to raise $10,000 by April 1st so this planned work can be completed for the Fall 1996 season. Please help if you can.

You will be contacted during the months of March and April as we complete this years annual fund drive for athletics. Monies raised during this all important drive will allow us to maintain our current programs. I strongly believe that we must not only reach this year's goal but push on to higher levels so we may begin improving this athletic program. We need your help. If you have not already made a gift to Centenary Athletics this year, please take the time to do so today.

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CENTENARY INDUCTS FOUR INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Ceremonies held on March 23, 1996

Four new members were inducted into the Centenary Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Saturday, March 23, 1996 at the Sheraton Shreveport. KTBS TV-3 Sports Director Ed Baswell served as the master of ceremonies for the induction ceremonies.

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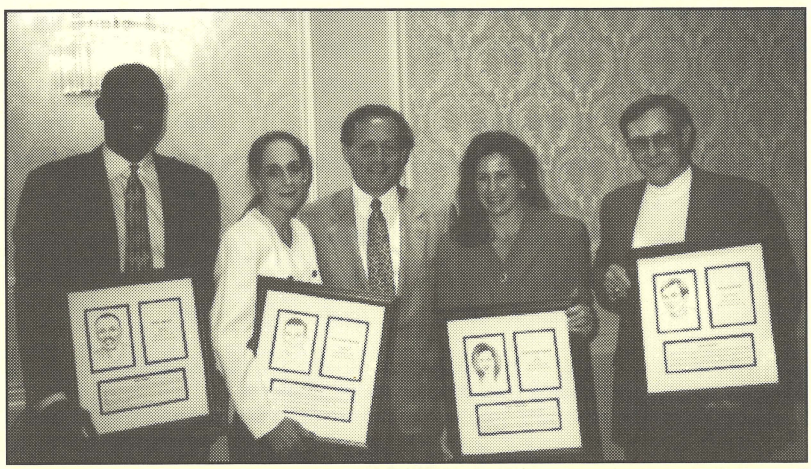

1995-96 Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame honorees: (l to r) Willie Jackson - basketball, Martha Delaney (F.H. "Buss" Delaney) - basketball coach, Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab - Centenary President, Lauren Cotter-Ingram - women's tennis, Vannie Edwards - gymnastics coach.

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1996 CENTENARY COLLEGE LADIES SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sun., September 1	# Stetson	Away	2:00
Mon., September 2	# South Alabama	Away	1:00
Sat., September 7	**Stephen F. Austin**	**Home**	**2:00**
Mon., September 9	***Mercer**	**Home**	**3:00**
Fri., September 13	***Georgia State**	**Home**	**3:00**
Sun., September 15	***Jacksonville State**	**Home**	**2:00**
Tues., September 24	Northwestern State	Away	3:00
Sun., September 29	TCU	Away	1:00
Wed., October 2	*Southeastern Louisiana	Away	2:00
Sat., October 5	**Mississippi State**	**Home**	**1:00**
Wed., October 9	*Jacksonville State	Away	3:00
Sat., October 12	Charleston Southern	Away	3:00
Mon., October 14	*Mercer	Away	2:00
Wed., October 16	*Georgia State	Away	2:00
Sun., October 20	***Southeastern Louisiana**	**Home**	**1:00**
Wed., October 23	**Northwestern State**	**Home**	**2:00**
Sat., October 26	**McNeese State**	**Home**	**2:00**
Wed., October 30	**Millsaps College**	**Home**	**1:00**
Sat., November 2	Stephen F. Austin	Away	2:00

All Home matches in bold *** Trans America Athletic Conference match**
University of South Alabama Tournament in Mobile, Alabama

1996 CENTENARY COLLEGE GENTS SOCCER SCHEDULE

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Sun., September 1	#Alabama A&M	Away	4:00
Mon., September 2	#South Alabama	Away	3:00
Sat., September 7	***College of Charleston**	**Home**	**12:00**
Wed., September 11	***Georgia State**	**Home**	**3:00**
Mon., September 16	***Mercer**	**Home**	**3:00**
Sat., September 21	$ Southwest Missouri	Away	2:00
Sun., September 22	$ Tulsa	Away	12:00
Sat., September 28	***Campbell**	**Home**	**2:00**
Sun., September 29	TCU	Away	3:00
Sat., October 5	**LeTourneau**	**Home**	**3:00**
Thurs., October 10	*Campbell	Away	7:00
Sat., October 12	*College of Charleston	Away	7:00
Mon., October 14	*Mercer	Away	4:00
Wed., October 16	*Georgia State	Away	4:00
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Wed., October 30	**Millsaps College**	**Home**	**3:00**

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DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
November 16	**Saturday**	**%VASDA**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
November 23	**Saturday**	**Lamar**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
November 25	Monday	at Texas Christian	Fort Worth, TX	TBA
November 27	Wednesday	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	TBA
November 30	**Saturday**	**Wiley College**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
December 2	**Monday**	**Northwestern State**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
December 4	**Wednesday**	**East Texas Baptist**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
December 7	**Saturday**	**Southwest Texas**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
December 14	Saturday	at Oklahoma	Norman, OK	7:00
December 16	Monday	at SMU	Dallas, TX	7:00
January 2	Thursday	*at Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, FL	TBA
January 4	**Saturday**	***Florida International**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
January 9	**Thursday**	***Central Florida**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
January 11	**Saturday**	***Stetson**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
January 16	Thursday	*at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, AL	TBA
January 18	Saturday	*at Samford	Birmingham, AL	TBA
January 25	**Saturday**	***Southeastern Louisiana**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
January 30	**Thursday**	***Mercer**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
February 1	**Saturday**	***Georgia State**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
February 3	Monday	*at Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, LA	TBA
February 6	Thursday	*at Mercer	Macon, GA	TBA
February 8	Saturday	*at Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	TBA
February 10	Monday	at Tulane	New Orleans, LA	7:00
February 13	**Thursday**	***Samford**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
February 15	**Saturday**	***Jacksonville State**	**Gold Dome**	**7:05**
February 20	Thursday	*at Campbell	Buies Creek, NC	TBA
February 22	Saturday	*at College of Charleston	Charleston, SC	TBA
February 27 - March 1		TAAC Tournament	Charleston, SC	TBA

All Home Games In Bold **All Times are Central**

CENTENARY SOCCER PLAYERS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Centenary College soccer player Martha Chaney was one of two recipients that have been awarded the "Winning for Life" scholarships, sponsored by the Entergy Corporation and the NCAA Foundation. Chaney was one of the regional winners from the four state area of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and southeast Texas. She is also the state winner from Louisiana. She will receive a $5,000 postgraduate scholarship, $2,000 as the state winner and an additional $3,000 as the regional winner.

Chaney is a native of Richardson, Texas maintains a 3.91 grade point average and has been named to both the national and Centenary's Dean's Lists. She also was selected as a member of the Trans America Athletic Conference's First-Team All-TAAC soccer team, as well as the conference's All-Academic team. Chaney has also received the U.S. Natural Science Award and was a College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American for District 6.

She served as the team captain of the Ladies soccer team this past season. As the goalkeeper she helped lead the Ladies to their best-ever record of 16-4-1. Chaney finished the 1995 season ranked first in the Centeral Region in goalkeeping and finished in the top 20 in the nation.

Centenary Gents soccer player Matt Thornton was among the nominees for the "Winning for Life" Scholarship. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Thornton maintains a 3.93 grade point average while playing defender on the Gents soccer team. He has received the Centenary President's Scholarship and has made the Dean's List every semester.

He was named to the TAAC All-Conference team from 1992 through 1995 and has been nominated twice for Academic All-American. He was nominated for the Top VIII athlete award and was the team's most valuable player in 1993.

Designed to encourage collegiate student-athletes to excel in mathematics, science, engineering, computer science and related fields, the "Winning for Life" program honors the top male and female graduating scholar-athletes from NCAA memeber universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and southeast Texas.

A select committee reviewed the nominees and chose the top male and female atheletes and from there, the top male and female student-athlete from the four-state region. Regional winners receive an additional $3,000 toward postgraduate studies.

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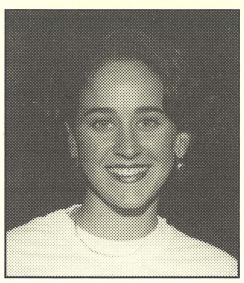

MELANIE BOLTON

HEIGHT: 5-4
CLASS: Senior
LETTERS WON: 4
HOMETOWN: Monroe, Louisiana
LAST SCHOOL: Neville High School
MAJOR: Biophysics

This senior tennis star was named to the First-Team All-TAAC tennis team. She helped lead the Centenary Ladies to an oustanding 13-5 overall record, including a string of six straight wins.

She finished the 1995-96 season with a stellar 10-6 record playing at the number one spot in singles.

She has been a solid player for the past four seasons for the Ladies. She finishes her career with a 52-33 record in singles action, having posted double digit wins all four seasons. She also has an oustanding 40-17 record in doubles play.

DUSTIN BRANDON

HEIGHT: 6-1
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Third Baseman
HOMETOWN: Haughton, Louisiana
LAST SCHOOL: LSU
MAJOR: Health & Exercise Science

In his first season in a Centenary uniform the junior transfer from LSU has made quite an impact on the Gents baseball team.

Brandon is currently hitting .331 with 36 runs batted in which ranks second on the team in both categories. He is leading the club with 15 doubles and six triples and he has scored 46 runs which also ranks first.

He ranks among the conference leaders in all of the aforementioned categories as well as stolen bases. Brandon has swiped 19 bases this season.

CENTENARY SUMMER CAMPS SCHEDULE
(All Events are held at Centenary)

Centenary Basketball - Contact: Paul Rasmussen - (318) 869-5090
Biddy Ball Camp (1st-3rd grade; Boys and Girls) - June 23-28; 9 a.m.-Noon.
Basketball Camp (4th-6th grade; Boys and Girls) - June 9-14.
Basketball Camp (7th-12th, Boys Only) - June 16-21
CAMP FEES
Resident $210.00
Day Campers $160.00
Biddy Ball Camp $75.00

Centenary Softball - Contact: Laneigh Clark - (318) 869-5094 (Cost for the camps has yet to be determined)
Pitching Camp - June 3-6; 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Hitting Camp - June 3-6; 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Fundamentals Camp - June 10-13; 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Centenary Baseball - Contact: Wayne Rathbun - (318) 869-5095
Fundamentals Camp - (Grades 2-6) - June 10-13; 9 a.m. - Noon; cost is $75
Fundamentals Camp - (Grades 7-11) - June 17-20; 9 a.m. - Noon; cost is $75
Hitting Camp - (Grades 2-11) - June 24-26; 9.am. - Noon; cost is $75

Centenary Soccer Camps - Contact: Jed Jones - (318) 869-5165
Day Camp & L'il Booters - July 8-12
Day Camp & Resident Camp - July 14-19
Day Camp & Residetn Camp - July 21-26
CAMP FEES
Resident $200.00
Day Camp $125.00
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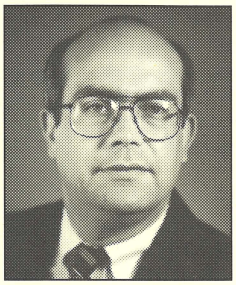

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

Congratulations to our women's tennis and softball teams on much improved seasons. The Centenary Ladies finished with a 13-5 record in tennis and softball finished in second place in the Western Division of the TAAC. Our baseball team will soon be completing their regular season and move to the TAAC tourney later this month.

I am also proud to report that two of our student athletes were nominted for the Entergy-NCAA Foundation "Winning For Life" Awards this past month. Senior soccer student-athletes Martha Chaney and Matt Thornton were both honored at a banquet in Baton Rouge. Martha also won the Louisiana competition and a $2,000 scholarship and the regional competition and an additional $3,000 scholarship for graduate school.

Our Athletic Hall of Fame dinner this past spring was a great success. Over 90 individuals attended the induction of "Buss" Delaney, Willie Jackson, Lauren Cotter-Ingram and Vannie Edwards. Please make plans to attend this event next year. A special thanks to Ed Baswell of KTBS, who served as master of ceremonies, and to our corporate sponsors - Highland Center for Orthopedics - Dr. Craig Springmeyer, HCA Highland Hospital, Rose-Neath, Sports Care, Inc., Mr. Don Weir, Jr. and Wilkinson, Carmody & Gilliam.

Centenary College wil be hosting the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) again this summer from June 17th to July 19th. NYSP is a partnership that enlists the support of the federal government, represented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centenary College, acting through the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The program offers expert instruction and emphasis and skills development in age-appropriate sports in badminton, basketball, flag football, physical fitness, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball. All supplies and equipment are provided by the NCAA.

NYSP is more than fun and games. Every child receives a free medical exam prior to participation and a free United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) breakfast and lunch every day. NYSP also helps youths develop personal and social skills through its educational program. The staff provides instruction in alcohol and other drug prevention, nutrition, and personal health, career opportunities and job responsibilities, and other topics relevant to the community. The program is open to disadvantaged kids ages 10-16. NYSP is found on 170 other college campuses and serves over 66,000 youths nationally.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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CENTENARY NAMES MARK LINDEN NEW GENTS BASEBALL COACH

Takes over for departed Wayne Rathbun

On Friday, June 28, 1996 Centenary College Director of Athletics Russ Sharp announced the hiring of Mark Linden as the new Centenary baseball coach. Linden takes over for Wayne Rathbun, who resigned on June 14.

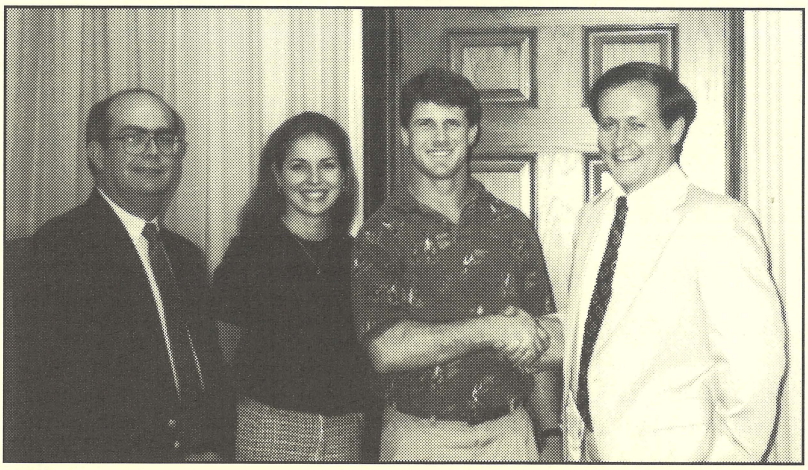
"When we began this search for a replacement for Wayne Rathbun we wanted to go nationwide, but then concentrate regionally," said Sharp. "We wanted someone with the same type of enthusiasm that Wayne had and someone to continue the legacy of James Farrar. After receiving nearly 100 applications we believe we have found a great individual in Mark Linden to lead our baseball program in the future."

Linden likes the challenge of taking over a program that posted a 69-89 (.437) record under Rathbun and has not had a winning season since 1993.

"The biggest challenge will be to overcome the small college image in the minds of recruits and establish a reputation of being a premier Division I baseball program," said Linden. "Having graduated from a liberal arts college and having coached at larger schools I have some ideas of how we can develop a winning program in such a unique environment. I'm excited about the challenge and working in a great city like Shreveport."

The 28-year old Linden, comes to Centenary after spending a year as an assistant coach at the University of South Carolina. Prior to his stint at South Carolina he spent two years as a volunteer assistant coach at Wichita State University.

"Mark will bring a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the program there," said Wichita State head coach Gene Stephenson. "Having been at South Carolina and here at Wichita State he has experience in how programs should operate and work. Shreveport is an excellent city and if he proves to be successful than he can overcome some of the limited resources. Mark is not afraid of hard work and he likes a challenge. This is a great opportunity and that is the way you have to look at it then make the most of it."



New Centenary baseball coach Mark Linden and his fiancé Nathalie Paterson are welcomed to Shreveport by director of athletics Russ Sharp and Centenary President Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab. Linden joined the Centenary staff on July 1, 1996.

"He will bring a lot of enthusiasm to the program," former South Carolina baseball coach June Raines said. "Mark loves baseball and you won't find a harder worker around. He is a good marketing guy and he knows all aspects of the game. I think they hired the right guy."

Besides his collegiate experience, Linden has also coached numerous summer league teams that consisted of college players. He has also been an instructor at many baseball camps, including the Canadian / American Baseball Academy in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

A native of Seattle, Washington, Linden earned his bachelor of arts degree from Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington. While at Whitworth he was a two-sport lettermen in both football and baseball. He was a shortstop on the Pirate baseball team and was selected as a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American as a running back in football.

Linden was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and Kansas City Royals while at Bellevue Community College in Seattle. In 1989 the Cubs again drafted him, this time as a senior, in the 31st round. Linden signed with the Cubs and spent two seasons in the organization seeing time at second base and in the outfield.

Linden and his fiancé Nathalie Paterson plan on settling in Shreveport permanently after their August 4 wedding.

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Centenary President Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab along with Centenary Director of Athletics Russ Sharp proudly display the 1995-96 Trans America Athletic Conference's All-Academic Trophy.

CENTENARY WINS TAAC ALL ACADEMIC TROPHY

Academic champs for the second straight year!

Macon, Ga. - On June 13, 1996 the Trans America Athletic Conference named Centenary College the TAAC All-Academic Champion for 1995-96. This marks the second straight year Centenary has won the title.

Centenary had 88 of its 170 student athletes (51.8%) participating in the TAAC's 15 championship sports earn all-academic honors in 1995-96. Samford University came in second with 50.3% (76 of 151) while Mercer was third at 41.8% (84 of 203). Last year Centenary won the title with 62% (83 of 134) of its student athletes earning all-academic honors.

Fifty-four Centenary student-athletes made the TAAC Fall All-Academic Team, consisting of student-athletes who compete in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and volleyball. Four Gent basketball players also earned all-academic honors.

Thirty-four Centenary student athletes were honored on the Spring All-Academic Team, made up of baseball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf. Ten Ladies softball players topped the list of spring honorees.

The TAAC had 33.5% (794 of 2,370) of its student-athletes earning all-academic honors in 1995-96. The 794 student-athletes named to this year's TAAC academic honors list is a new conference record, surpassing last year's total of 644.

1996-97 CENTENARY BASKETBALL

SEASON TICKET APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the ticket order form.

2. Return this form to the following address:

Centenary Athletics
P.O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188

3. For more information call (318) 869-5275.

4. Gents Club members and last year's season ticket holders receive first priority in seating.

Name_____

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Signature_____

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FOUR RECEIVE PROMOTIONS IN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

On June 18, 1996 Centenary College Director of Athletics Russ Sharp announced that four members of the Centenary Athletic Department receieved promotions.

Laneigh Clark, who currently serves as the head softball and senior women's administrator, was promoted to assistant athletic director for women's athletics. She will continue to serve in the capacity of head softball coach.

Also promoted to assistant athletic director was Mike Perniciaro. Perniciaro now serves as the the assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions. He previously served as the marketing and promotions intern and as an assistant softball coach this past season.

Terry Finklea, who has been associated with Centenary athletics for over 15 years, was promoted to compliance and eligibility coordinator. She had served as the athletic business manager.

Martha Connell, takes over as the athletic business manager. She previously served as the administrative support manager in the athletic department.

Assistant basketball coach Paul Rasmussen relinquished his title of assistant athletic director of marketing and promotions in order to concentrate solely on basketball.

CENTENARY'S CHANEY AND THORNTON NAMED TAAC STUDENT-ATHLETES-OF-THE-YEAR

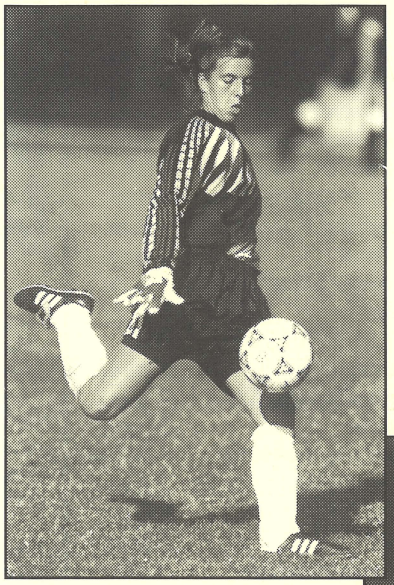
Honors continue to pour in for senior soccer players.

Macon, Ga. - On June 3, 1996 the Trans America Athletic Conference named Centenary College's Martha Chaney (5-10, goalkeeper, Richardson, Texas) and Matt Thornton (5-9, 165, defender, Little Rock, Ark.) the 1995-96 TAAC Student-Athletes-of-the-Year, in voting done by conference faculty athletic representatives.

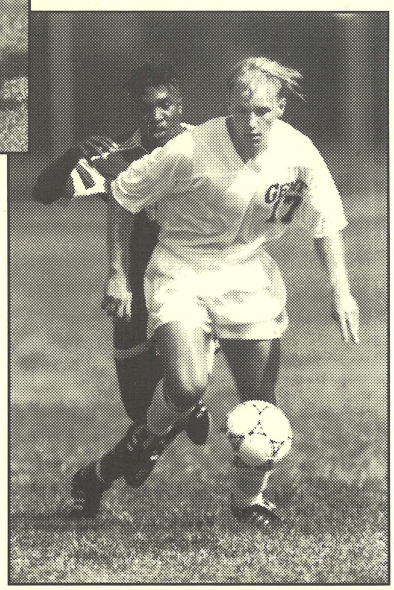
Chaney, a member of the Centenary Soccer and Rifle Teams, graduated Magna Cum Laude as an Applied Science / Health and Exercise Science double major. Starting every game (74 games) as the goalkeeper for the Centenary Ladies during her four years, Chaney finished the 1995 soccer season ranked first in the Central Region in goals allowed average. Chaney holds every single-season and career goalkeeping record at Centenary, including 109 saves in a season and 31 career shutouts. She earned All-TAAC honors in 1995 and 1993.

Chaney was awarded the Entergy / NCAA "Winning for Life" scholarship and earned the United States Natural Science Award in 1996. She was a three-time All-TAAC Academic honoree and a Centenary Dean's List selection. Named a U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar, Chaney also earned GTE Academic All-District VI honors last season. Chaney, finished her undergraduate career with a 3.9 cumulative grade point average.

Thornton, a defender on the Centenary Gents Soccer Team, graduated Summa Cum Laude as an Applied Science major. Named All-TAAC in 1995 and 1994, Thornton played in every game over his last three seasons (59 total games). He was a nominee for the United States Top VIII Athlete Award in 1995, awarded for athletic and academic achievement. A Centenary Presidential Scholar, Thornton earned Dean's List honors each semester and was a TAAC All-Academic honoree three consecutive years. He posted a 3.9 cumulative grade point average.



Former Centenary goalkeeper Martha Chaney



Former Centenary defender Matt Thornton

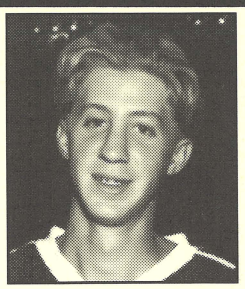
CENTENARY SPOTLIGHT ON...

KELLY GRIFFIN

HEIGHT: 5-4
LETTERS WON: 4
POSITION: Outfield / Catcher
HOMETOWN: Shreveport, Louisiana
LAST SCHOOL: Southwood High School
MAJOR: Health & Exercise Science

This Ladies softball player finished her final season in fine fashion. Griffin batted .231 and was second on the team with 33 hits and in fielding percentage at .978. She finished the season ranked among the national leaders in stolen bases as she swiped 45-of-48 bags. For her efforts she was selected to the Second Team All-Trans America Athletic Conference.

Griffin earned four letters during her career at Centenary. On May 4, 1996 she graduated with a B.S. in Health and Exercise Science.



ANTONIO PATERNOSTRO

HEIGHT: 5-11
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Forward
HOMETOWN: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
LAST SCHOOL: Southern Nazarene
MAJOR: Undecided

This junior soccer player starred in his first season at Centenary. Paternostro led the Gents in goals scored with seven. He also had one assist and led the team in scoring with 15 points.

He scored the game-winning goal in the Gents 4-0 win over the University of Texas-Pan American in the SMU Tournament.

Paternostro, a transfer from Southern Nazarene University, will be a senior this coming season and will be looked upon to be the Gents main scoring threat.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR

(All Home Events in Bold)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE of FALL SPORTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sep. 1	#Ladies Soccer vs. Stetson	2 p.m.
Sep. 1	#Gents Soccer vs. Alabama A&M	4 p.m.
Sep. 2	#Ladies Soccer at South Alabama	1 p.m.
Sep. 2	#Gents Soccer at South Alabama	3 p.m.
Sep. 7-8	Volleyball at Northwestern St. Tourney	TBA
Sep. 7	**Gents Soccer vs. Coll. of Charleston**	**Noon**
Sep. 7	**Ladies Soccer vs. Stephen F. Austin**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 9	**Ladies Soccer vs. Mercer**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 11	**Gents Soccer vs. Georgia State**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 11	Volleyball at Ambassador	7 p.m.
Sep. 13-14	Volleyball at Northeast La. Tourney	TBA
Sep. 13	**Ladies Soccer vs. Georgia State**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 15	**Ladies Soccer vs. Jacksonville State**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 16	**Gents Soccer vs. Mercer**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 17	Volleyball at USL/Grambling Tri-Match	6 & 8 pm
Sep. 21	$Gents Soccer at Southwest Missouri St.	2 p.m.
Sep. 22	$Gents Soccer vs. Tulsa	Noon
Sep. 23	**Volleyball vs. Samford**	**3 p.m.**
Sep. 24	Ladies Soccer at Northwestern State	3 p.m.
Sep. 26	Volleyball at Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
Sep. 28	**Gents Soccer vs. Campbell**	**2 p.m.**
Sep. 29	Ladies Soccer at TCU	1 p.m.
Sep. 29	Gents Soccer at TCU	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	**Volleyball vs. Jackson State**	**6 p.m.**
Oct. 2	Ladies Soccer at Southeastern La.	2 p.m.
Oct. 4	**Volleyball vs. Southeastern Louisiana**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 5	**Gents Soccer vs. LeTourneau**	**3 p.m.**
Oct. 6	**Volleyball vs. UT-Pan American**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 9	Ladies Soccer at Jacksonville State	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	**Volleyball vs. Alcorn State**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 10	Gents Soccer at Campbell	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Ladies Soccer at Charleston Southern	3 p.m.
Oct. 12	Volleyball at Southeastern Louisiana	2 p.m.

# denotes Gents & Ladies Soccer at South Alabama Tourn.
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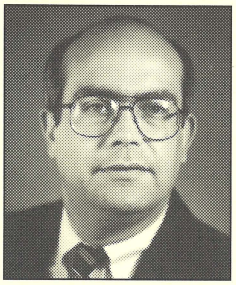

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

The summer days are long and hot but that has not stopped the progress in your athletic program at Centenary College. We are hosting the final week of our National Youth Sports Program here on campus. This program has been a great success for the second summer involving over 220 local disadvantaged youth from the area.

Several facilities projects have taken off since we last visited, including the renovation of the soccer field. While this effort has been slowed by an unresolved conflict with our neighborhood group, progress has been seen in the form of an automatic underground sprinkler system and a comprehensive turf management program which has included fertilizer and herbicide treatment. We do plan on completing our field expansion project this summer once final approval from the city is received. The new soccer scoreboard is also in the works with installation to be made prior to the first soccer game this September. The baseball infield and softball field have also been blessed with a new sprinkler system and both fields look better than ever.

You may have heard that a new baseball coach has been hired recently. Mark Linden joined the staff on July 1st from the University of South Carolina. Mark brings solid baseball experience and a great deal of enthusiasm to the position. I expect great things from him during the coming years. Please welcome him into the Centenary family.

The summer has also brought several personnel changes fro the athletic program. Laneigh Clark has been promoted to Assistant Athletic Director, she will continue to coach softball. Terry Finklea has been promoted to Compliance Coordinator and Martha Connell takes over as Athletic Business Manager. Mike Perniciaro, who came to Centenary in May of 1995 has also been promoted to Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Development. Mike has great plans for boosting our exposure and leve of support during the coming year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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CENTENARY SOCCER FIELD RECEIVES A FACELIFT

Field is expanded and new scoreboard installed

On September 5, 1996 construction work began on the Centenary Soccer Field. The field, which is home to both the Gents and Ladies soccer teams, was widened and a new scoreboard was installed.

The improvements to the soccer field is part of an overall plan to improve all of Centenary's athletic facilities. After taking over as director of athletics in 1994, Russ Sharp implemented his facility improvements plan.

"I want the athletes here to have the best facilities at their finger tips," said Sharp. "We have implemented a four phase plan for improvements to our facilities."

Phase one of the four phase plan began last spring with the building of the Centenary Softball Field. After the softball field was finished, Sharp began a campaign to raise money for phase two of the plan, which includes the improvements to the soccer field.

"Phase two of our plan is improving the soccer field," Sharp said. "The second phase consisted of three different parts. Part one, which has been completed, was the installation of an underground sprinkler system as well as the planting of Bermuda grass. The second part was to lengthen the field and the third was to install a new scoreboard."

Centenary Facility Services along with the help of horticulturist Brian Baker planted the Bermuda grass and installed the new sprinkler system. A large well was dug behind the baseball field that pumps 60 gallons of water a minute for the new irrigation system which irrigates the soccer, baseball and softball fields.

The second part of the plan was to lengthen the soccer field and erect a scoreboard. Grisham Construction Company of Shreveport was brought in to remove a house, a road and some large trees that surrounded the field. A delay of four months in the construction had to be endured as Centenary had to wait for permission from the City of Shreveport to tear down the house and road.

The new and improved Centenary Soccer Field. Construction work began on Sept. 5, 1996. The playing surface was expanded and a new Fair Play soccer scoreboard was installed. Most of the construction has been completed and the scoreboard is fully operational.

The third part of phase two was the installation of a scoreboard for the field. Rainey Electronics Company, Inc. of Little Rock, Arkansas installed a new Fair Play soccer scoreboard. They also installed advertisement signs for those sponsors responsible for erection of the new scoreboard. Wilhite Electric Company of Shreveport did most of the electrical work on the new scoreboard.

BellSouth, Inc. had to be brought in to help remove numerous wires that were in the way of construction. Southwest Electric and Power Company was also needed to complete some electrical hookups in the area.

"We are very proud of the improvements on the soccer field," said Sharp. "With all of the improvements it gives our soccer program one of the top fields in the Trans America Athletic Conference and a place they can call their own. A number of people helped get this project done and it is a credit to their hard work and determination and I thank them for their efforts."

Phase three and four of the plan deal with additional lighting as well as the addition of permanent seating to all of the fields. When the process is complete in a couple of years the athletic facilities at Centenary will be up to standard with most NCAA Division I schools.

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CENTENARY COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Centenary College Athletic Department is currently accepting nominations for the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame. Please read the criteria and complete the nomination form and then return the form to Russ Sharp, Director of Athletics, Centenary College, P.O. Box 41188, Shreveport, LA 71134-1188. If you have any questions you may call (318)869-5275.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES

1. Recipient must be an ex-student (although not necessarily a graduate), a former coach, manager, trainer of Centenary College.
2. The date of graduation or termination of attendance or employment must have preceded the award by at least ten years.
3. The recipient must have made a distinctive contribution to an area of intercollegiate athletics while at Centenary, earning local, regional and/or national acclaim.
4. Post collegiate performance will be considered in making the selection.
5. A special category is also reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program, although not a student-athlete, coach, manager or trainer.
Presentation of Awards will be made at the Hall of Fame Banquet, March 15, 1997. Location to be announced at a later date. **DEADLINE for noninations is** DECEMBER 19, 1997

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

1987: JAKE L. HANNA*
CONNIE MACK RAE
1988: PAUL "HOSS" GEISLER*
ROBERT PARISH
1989: CONWAY BAKER
CECIL UPSHAW*
1990: ROBERT "CAL" HUBBARD*
TOM KERWIN
1991: FILES "DUTCH" BINION*
HAL SUTTON
1992: KATHY JOHNSON-CLARKE
RAYMOND "BUDDY" PARKER*
1993: HAROLD "SHORTY" OSLIN*
MANNING SMITH*
1994: ORVIS SIGLER
1995: WALTER C. "COWBOY" HOHMANN*
1996: F.H. "BUSS" DELANEY*
VANNIE EDWARDS
LAUREN COTTER-INGRAM
WILLIE JACKSON

* Deceased

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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Full Name of Nominee: _____ Address of Nominee: _____

Reasons for nomination: *(List activities and contributions; provide a biographical statement about the nominee)* _____

Name of Nominator: _____ *Addrress of Nominator:* _____

Phone Number: _____ *Fax Number (If Applicable):*

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CENTENARY FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS...

LADIES SOCCER...

After losing their first game 2-1 to Stetson, the Centenary Ladies soccer team has reeled off seven consecutive wins. Included in those seven wins are three Trans America Athletic Conference wins and a big regional win over TCU.

Freshman phenom Jacintha Wick leads the Ladies with nine goals scored, three assists for 21 points. She also has two game winning goals. Wick also ranks among the regional and national leaders in scoring despite missing a game because of sickness.

Sophomore sweeper Amy Williams is second on the team with 5 goals while three other Ladies have scored four goals.

Sophomore forward Shari Overbeek and senior midfielder Krista Camplen each have four goals and four assists for 12 points. Sophomore midfielder Mary Cholley also has four goals with two of those being game-winners.

Going into this season the Ladies were not expected to be as good as they were in 1995. At one point last year the Ladies were 11-1 and went on to finish the season with a 16-4-1 record, the best in school history.

This season the Ladies are off to a 7-1 start and hopes are running high to better last year's finish both overall and in the TAAC.

GENTS SOCCER...

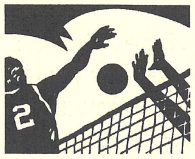
The Gents soccer team is off to one of their best starts in recent history. The Gents are currently 6-3 overall but more importantly they are 3-1 in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

The Gents are led by senior forward/midfielder Craig Johnson and freshman forward Robert Fernandez-Vinas with four goals each.

After losing two straight games against Southwest Missouri and Tulsa, the Gents rebounded with two big wins over Campbell and TCU. Marc Castillo added the game winning goal as the Gents beat heavily favored TAAC opponent Campbell. The following day the Gents found themselves victorious in a thrilling overtime win against TCU. The Gents avenged last years lost to the Horned Frogs at home.

After a home game against LeTourneau on the 5th of October the Gents embark on a seven day road trip to the East. Campbell, College of Charleston, Mercer, and Georgia State are the opponents upcoming on the road trip.

The outcome of the trip will determine if the Gents will play in the TAAC Championship.



LADIES VOLLEYBALL...

The Ladies began the season at the Northwestern State Tournament with one victory and four losses. The Ladies followed that up with a win on the road at Ambassador the following week.

The Ladies then hit a low period as they lost five staight matches, including the TAAC opener at home to Samford.

October hopes to be promising for the Ladies as they started the month with a win over Jackson State. There are plenty of games left in the season for the Ladies to make a run at their goal of making it to the TAAC Tournament.

The Ladies are led in the kill department by sophomore's Sasha Brenner(115) and Kim Bolin(106). The assist leaders are freshman Robin Hill(213) and junior Angela Soliz(50).

The Ladies have three straight games at home beginning with Southeastern Louisiana on Friday, October 4th.

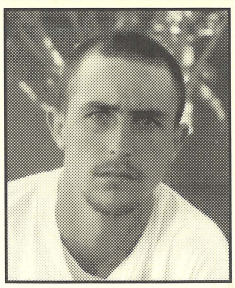
CENTENARY SPOTLIGHT ON...

JACINTHA WICK

HEIGHT: 5-5
CLASS: Freshman
POSITION: Forward
HOMETOWN: Grand Prairie, Texas
LAST SCHOOL: Ursuline Academy
MAJOR: Undecided

This fabulous freshman soccer player has dazzled Centenary Ladies soccer fans with her ability. She has scored nine goals and has three assists to lead the Ladies with 21 points. She is currently averaging a goal per game. She ranks among the Central region and national leaders both in goals scored and points.

Wick also has two game-winning goals to her credit. She scored the game winners in back-to-back games against Stephen F. Austin and Mercer.



CRAIG JOHNSON

HEIGHT: 5-11
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Forward/Midfielder
HOMETOWN: Duncanville, Texas
LAST SCHOOL: Duncanville HS
MAJOR: Sociology

This senior has been a mainstay for the Gents soccer team for the four years he has been at Centenary.

This season he is off to a great start. He currently leads the team in scoring with 10 points (4 goals, 2 assists). His four goals is tied for the team lead while his two assists tops everyone.

In the first two games of the season he scored the game winning goals in over Alabama A&M and South Alabama. He also had a goal and two assists in the Gents overtime win over TCU.

CENTENARY SPORTS CALENDAR
(All Home Events in Bold)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE of FALL SPORTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Oct. 1	**Volleyball vs. Jackson State**	**6 p.m.**
Oct. 2	Ladies Soccer at Southeastern La.	2 p.m.
Oct. 4	**Volleyball vs. Southeastern Louisiana**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 5	**Gents Soccer vs. LeTourneau**	**3 p.m.**
Oct. 6	**Volleyball vs. UT-Pan American**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 9	Ladies Soccer at Jacksonville State	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	**Volleyball vs. Alcorn State**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 10	Gents Soccer at Campbell	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Ladies Soccer at Charleston Southern	3 p.m.
Oct. 12	Volleyball at Southeastern Louisiana	2 p.m.
Oct. 12	Golf at West Florida Collegiate	TBA
Oct. 13	Volleyball at Nicholls State	2 p.m.
Oct. 13	Golf at West Florida Collegiate	TBA
Oct. 14	Ladies Soccer at Mercer	2 p.m.
Oct. 14	Gents Soccer at Mercer	4 p.m.
Oct. 14	Golf at West Florida Collegiate	TBA
Oct. 14	**Volleyball vs. Northwestern State**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 15	Golf at West Florida Collegiate	TBA
Oct. 16	Ladies Soccer at Georgia State	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Gents Soccer at Georgia State	4 p.m.
Oct. 16	Volleyball at Jackson State	6 p.m.
Oct. 19	Cross Country at LSU	9 a.m.
Oct. 19	Volleyball at Jacksonville State	Noon
Oct. 20	**Ladies Soccer vs. Southeastern La.**	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 20	Golf at Louisiana Tech Invitational	TBA
Oct. 21	Volleyball at Samford	3 p.m.
Oct. 21	Golf at Louisiana Tech Invitational	TBA
Oct. 22	Golf at Louisiana Tech Invitational	TBA
Oct. 23	**Ladies Soccer vs. Northwestern State**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 26	**Gents Soccer vs. UT-Pan American**	**Noon**
Oct. 26	**Ladies Soccer vs. McNeese State**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 26	**Volleyball vs. Prairie View A&M**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 30	**Gents Soccer vs. Millsaps**	**3 p.m.**

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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER...

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

Our fall athletic season is in full swing. Our men's and women's soccer, cross country and women's volleyball teams are already in the midst of a very busy schedule. Our men's and women's soccer teams have begun their respective seasons with a bang and with great success. Our men's and women's cross country teams are enjoying improved seasons under the leadership of new coaches David Bellar and Mike Perniciaro.

Our major work on the soccer field renovation and expansion is coming to a finish with last week's installation of a new electronic state-of-the-art scoreboard. The soccer program has received a big boost this fall with the formation of a Soccer Booster Club. The group of mostly parents has some great ideas and a great deal of energy. This group really going to help our soccer program get better.

Our corporate and family season ticket campaign for basketball is underway. The cost for a season ticket is only $70 each and there are some great incentives available for families and corporations. I can't get Coach Vardeman to guarantee a twenty win season or a trip to the Final Four but he will guarantee that we will be competitive and give the TAAC a run for their money. Our Pep Band will be back for their second season and they promise to be better than ever. Those of you who came to basketball games last year will agree that our Pep Band added excitement and a good atmosphere for college basketball.

The Gents Club has officially changed names to become the Ladies and Gents Club, a move that is overdue and one that reflects our emphasis on improving the total athletic program. I hope that I can count on each of you to renew your Ladies and Gents Club membership when asked. Our Ladies and Gents campaign for the fall is directed at every Shreveport/Bossier business and every local Centenary alum.

There has been much media attention focused over the past few months regarding our interest in the Southland Conference. While the TAAC has been great for Centenary over the years, the geography is such that with the departure of Southeastern Louisiana to the Southland in '97, our closest TAAC school will be Samford, some 400+ miles away in Birmingham. We are interested in the Southland so we can reduce travel costs and missed classes and bring teams that have a better local following to Centenary. We have been working on this community wide effort for over a year now and hopefully this will pay off for us in the near future.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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CENTENARY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES LIST OF INDUCTEES

Six new members to be inducted in 1997

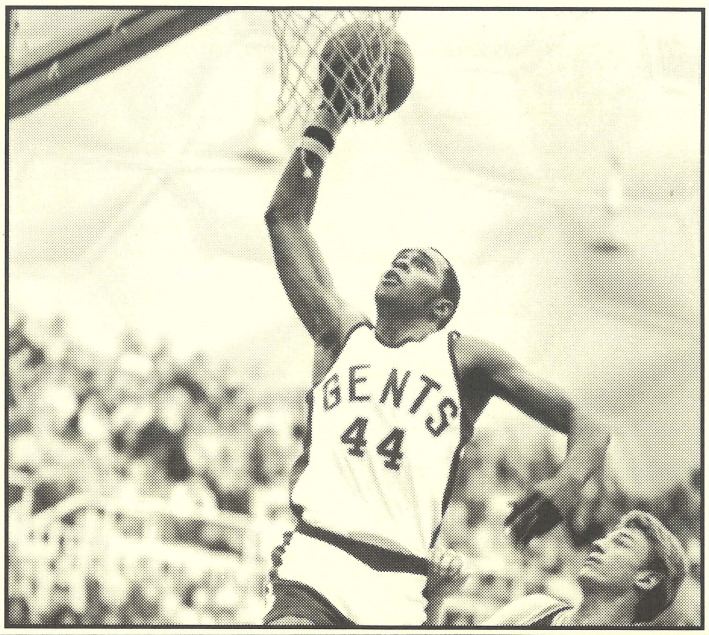
Former Centenary football great Edward "Touchdown" Townson along with Gent basketball standout Cherokee "Chief" Rhone head this year's list of inductees into the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Townson and Rhone are joined by another Gent gridiron great James "Cotton" Barnes, as well as former hoopster and coaching legend Lenny Fant, long-time Centenary booster Mike McCarthy and Kathy Nester Bolton, who pioneered the addition of women's cross country at Centenary.

They will be indcuted into the Hall of Fame during ceremonies on March 15, 1997 at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport. There will be a reception at 6 p.m., followed by a banquet at 7 p.m. The cost of tickets are $20 and can be arranged by calling (318) 869-5275.

Townson played football at Centenary from 1931-32 and again in 1934-1935. The Glemora, Louisiana native was one in the long list of standout backs for the "golden years" of Centenary football. He played a vital role in the Gents undefeated season in 1932. During his Centenary career Townson's fleet footed yet fierce rushing style and punt returns are credited for helping the Gents down such powerhouses as the University of Texas Longhorns, the Texas A&M Aggies and the LSU Tigers. In 8-0-1 season of 1932, it was Townson's 17-yard touchdown scamper that lifted Centenary to a 13-6 win over Ole Miss.

Cherokee "Chief" Rhone was truly an outstanding basketball player during his stay from 1979-81 at Centenary. In just three seasons Rhone amassed 1,255 points which ranks 13th on the Centenary all-time scoring list. He was twice named to the First Team All-Trans America Athletic Conference and still holds the TAAC's single season record for field goal percentage sinking 66.6 percent of his shots. After a long career playing professional basketball overseas, Rhone returned to Centenary and earned his degree in 1996.



Former Centenary Gents basketball star Cherokee "Chief" Rhone is listed among the five inductees into the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame .

"Cotton" Barnes attended Centenary from 1937-41 on an athletic scholarship after a stellar playing career at Vivian (La.) High School. He played both quarterback and running back for the Gents and was known for his bullet style passes. He was a part of a stellar backfield that included Hall of Famer Weenie Bynum. Barnes was also a standout pitcher on the baseball team and went on to play professionally.

Lenny Fant played basketball at Centenary from 1946-

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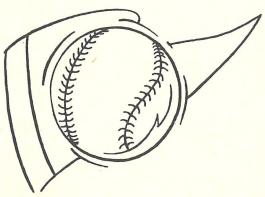
Bastian Named Softball Coach

On January 29 1997, Michael Bastian was hired to take over a Centenary softball program that has not had a winning season since 1991 and that was when the Ladies competed in the NAIA.

Bastian comes to Centenary after spending a year coaching on the Women's Professional Fastpitch Tour. While there he helped lead the WPF Storm to a 32-30 record in the team's inaugural season of competition. Prior to his stint on the Women's Professional Fastpitch Tour, Bastian served as the assistant softball coach at Ohio State University.



The 34-year old Bastian, has had head coaching stints at West Hills Community College in Coalinga, California and at Lassen Community College in Susanville, California. He worked his way up through the coaching ranks by serving as an assistant coach at two other small college's in California.

A native of Rio Linda, California, Bastian earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from California State University in Sacramento. While at Cal State Sacramento he played two years on the Hornet basketball team.

Bastian has served as an instructor and guest speaker at numerous softball camps and clinics around the country. He has worked such prestigious camps as the National Softball Coaches Association's Exposure Camp, the UCLA Softball Camp and the Ohio State University Softball Clinic. Bastian has also hosted his own Michael Bastian Summer Softball Camp in Reno, Nevada and throughout the midwest. He has been an instructor at the California Baseball and Softball School as well as the Ron LeFebvre School of Baseball and Softball.

Bastian is married to the former Leigh Haynam of Kinsman, Ohio.

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49. In 1949 Fant led the Gents to a 21-16 record and a second place finish in the newly formed Gulf States Conference. After his playing days were finished Fant went into coaching and that is where he would make his mark. He coached at Northeast Louisiana University for 22 years from 1957 through 1979. He also coached at Louisiana College and East Texas Baptist before going to Northeast. He finished his career with a record of 388-253 which ranked 11th among active Division I coaches when he retired. Fant had 18 consecutive winning seasons at NLU and his teams won eight conference or district titles and 12 tournament championships.

Mike McCarthy has been a member of the Ladies and Gents Club for the past 25 years and has provided significant support which made the expansion of locker rooms in the Gold Dome become a reality. It was McCarthy's support that helped get the Centenary Softball Field built as well as the renovation and expansion of the Centenary Soccer Field.

Kathy Nester Bolton is credited with pioneering the adittion of women's cross country as a competitive sport at Centenary. She attended Centenary from 1978-82 and during her stay she was the first female runner ever to compete in a number of regional cross country meets. Bolton also competed in a number of marathons durin her time at Centenary and even finished fourth in the John F. Kennedy 50-mile Ultramarathon in 1979.

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GENTS BASKETBALL
William David
Cornell Hardman
Shay Journo
Herbert Lang
Paxton Ross
Roy Shvartzapel

LADIES VOLLEYBALL
Kim Bolin
Beth Bonner
Angela Soliz

GENTS CROSS COUNTRY
Samuel Denison
Richard Hasty
Scott Jackson
Micah Strange

LADIES CROSS COUNTRY
Lauren Madigan
Callie Stanley

GENTS SOCCER
Torrey Bertheau
Marc Castillo
Jonathan Clay
Shaun Jordan
Jason Lowe
Toby Maxson
Keegan McConnell
Ryan O'Leary
Danny Warren
Neal Williams
Chase Wooten
Scott Yerby

LADIES SOCCER
Jeanette Bingeman
Mary Cholley
Vickie Cloud
Anita Le
Shelly Marusak
Kristen Mavico
Lyndsay McDonough
Shari Overbeek
Kristine Towner
Amy Williams

LADIES RIFLE
Dana McLauglin
Shelley Marusak

GENTS RIFLE
Chris Farrell
Scott Hastings

LADIES GYMNASTICS
Erin Byrd
Robyn Hetzel
Anne Kintner
Dayspring Linder
Dawn Montague
Michelle Mullis
Meredith Sholars

GENTS GOLF
Chris Cox
Michael Love
Todd Patton
Stephen Simpson
Russell Sullivan

LADIES SOFTBALL
Tommie Darden
Cher Bingham
Brandy Boger
Cara Couvillion
Lacy Crouch
Tara Hammack
Caressa Holloman
Kari Johnson
Sharon Johnson
Brandee Lee
Robin Rackley
Michelle Reeve
Shelley Schneider

GENTS BASEBALL
Mike Bogan
Dustin Brandon
David Finklea
Timothy Hill
Scott Jones
Rob Kenney
Ryan Lawrence
David Lynch
John Lynch
Bret Pagni
Jeff Pierce
David Scott
Philip Ward
James Williams

LADIES TENNIS
Ann Fecht
Kelly Gaines
Holly Hatten
Martha Rundell
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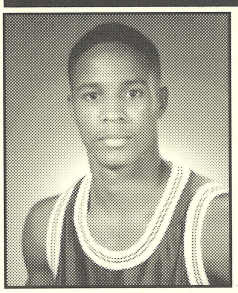


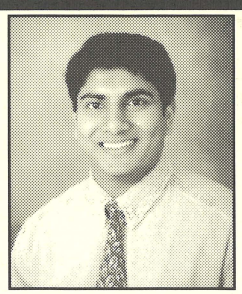
HERBERT LANG

HEIGHT: 6-3
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Guard / Forward
HOMETOWN: Brinkley, Arkansas
LAST SCHOOL: Brinkley HS
MAJOR: Health & Exercise Science

This junior has been the Gents "go-to" guy on this year's basketball team.

The Brinkley, Ark. native, was a First Team All-Trans America Athletic Conference selection and made the TAAC All-Academic Team as well. He led the TAAC in scoring with a 19.6 points per game average and was seventh in the league in rebounding. He also finished second in the TAAC in steals.

Earlier in the season he was selected as the Player of the Week by both the TAAC and the Louisiana Sports Writers Association for his 41-point outing in the Gents 88-86 win over Southeastern Louisiana.



THOMAS SAMUEL

HEIGHT: 5-9
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Student Assistant
HOMETOWN: Ruston, LA
LAST SCHOOL: Ruston HS
MAJOR: Communications

This spotlight is not on an athlete but on someone who works in the athletic department. Thomas Samuel works in the sports information department as a student assistant.

Samuel helps the Sports Information Director in handling publicity, statistics, media guides, game management and a host of other duties for the 14 NCAA Division I sports in which Centenary competes.

He is the primary contact for the Centenry baseball team as well as both men's and women's tennis.

CENTENARY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE
(All Home Events in Bold)

MARCH

Saturday, 1	Gents Tennis at UT-Pan American	Arlington, TX
Saturday, 1	Baseball at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS
Saturday, 1	Gymnastics at Air Force	Colo. Springs, CO
Sunday, 2	Baseball at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS
Sunday, 2	Softball at Southwest Texas State (DH)	San Marcos, TX
Sun.-Tues. 2-4	Golf at UNO Intercollegiate Invitational	Slidell, LA
Monday, 3	Ladies Tennis at McNeese State	Lake Charles, LA
Tuesday, 4	**Softball vs. Baylor (DH)**	**Softball Field**
Tuesday, 4	**Gents Tennis vs. Grambling State**	**Centenary Courts**
Wednesday, 5	**Ladies Tennis vs. Sam Houston St.**	**Centenary Courts**
Wednesday, 5	**Baseball vs. Louisiana Tech**	**Centenary Park**
Friday, 7	**Gymnastics vs. Okla. and Air Force**	**Gold Dome**
Friday, 7	Gents Tennis at UT-Pan American	Beaumont, TX
Friday,7	**Softball vs. Texas Southern**	**Softball Field**
Saturday, 8	**Softball vs. Texas Southern (DH)**	**Softball Field**
Saturday, 8	Gents Tennis at Lamar, UT-San Antonio	Beaumont, TX
Saturday, 8	Baseball at Oral Roberts (DH)	Tulsa, OK
Sunday, 9	Baseball at Oral Roberts	Tulsa, OK
Monday, 10	Ladies Tennis at Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX
Tuesday, 11	**Softball vs. Stephen F. Austin (DH)**	**Softball Field**
Tuesday, 11	Baseball at Northeast Louisiana	Monroe, LA
Wednesday, 12	**Ladies Tennis vs. Louisiana Tech**	**Centenary Courts**
Wednesday, 12	**Baseball vs. Northeast Louisiana**	**Centenary Park**
Thursday, 13	Softball at Prairie View A&M (DH)	Prairie View, TX
Friday, 14	Gymnastics at LSU	Baton Rouge, LA
Fri.-Sun., 14-16	Ladies Tennis at TAAC Western Division Tournament Birmingham, AL	
Fri.-Mon., 14-17	Gents Tennis at TAAC Western Division Tournament Birmingham, AL	

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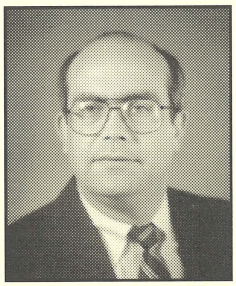

DEAR CENTENARY FAN:

Basketball season is winding down and aithough we have had some rough spots during the season, I am pleased with our performance in the Gold Dome this past week. This past Thursday we took a very close game from Samford and followed that up with a great win over Jacksonville State on Saturday. Our basketball team will finish the regular season this week with games at Campbell and College of Charleston before the TAAC Tournament the following week.

One of the most positive developments that has occured during my watch at Centenary has been the interest shown over the past few months by former Centenary star **Hal Sutton.** Hal told me that he wanted to do something significant to help the athletic program and do it in a way that would show others that they should also help the program and at the same time get some individuals or businesses involved in the program Hal agreed to purchase 100 season basketball tickets with the stipulation that 1/2 of the tickets would be given to kids who would not normally be afforded the opportunity to attend Division I basketball and that the remaining half would be used to cultivate future season ticket holders. We have been actively doing this for the past threee months and I believe that it has really paid off. I have talked with numerous individuals who have either not been to a Centenary game in years or have never been to a game. Many said enthusiastically that they would be back and that you can count on their support next season. **Hal Sutton - this athletic program thanks you!**

Our spring sports teams are all in the swing and bright days are ahead. First year head baseball coach Mark Linden's Gents just swept UALR in a home doubleheader and our softball team under the leadership of first year head coach Michael Bastian is also showing great promise. The men's tennis team had a great win over Oral Roberts on the road during the past two weeks. Those teams that aren't playing are really recruiting hard especially our soccer team - under the leadership of new head coach Jed Jones.

Southland Conference Update - We continue to make progress in our quest to join the Southland Conference. With the departure of Southeastern Louisiana to the Southland next fall our closest competitor in the Trans American Athletic Conference will be Samford over 400 miles away in Birmingham, Alabama. We believe that we will make a great match for the Southland due to our location.

Please make plans now to attend our Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner on March 15, 1997 at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport. A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. This will be a great event so don't miss it.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

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ATHLETIC FIELDS RECEIVE SUMMER RENOVATIONS

Major construction equipment rolled into the Centenary College athletic complex for the third straight summer as the baseball, softball, and soccer fields got facelifts for the upcoming season.

The lion's share of the work was done to the baseball field as the infield was leveled and reconfigured for a new home plate location. A foot and a half of dirt had built up on the infield over the years causing there to be a dangerous drop off into the outfield. About 600 cubic yards of dirt was removed and the field was resodded with Bermuda grass. Home plate, along with the rest of the infield, was moved back twenty feet to bring Centenary Park more in line with the dimensions the Gents face on the road.

"We are really excited about the renovations," said second year coach Mark Linden, "By Spring we are going to have one of the nicest fields in this area and that is a big advantage for our program and our team."

Before the seasons start next February, new warning tracks, automated sprinkler systems, and upgraded bullpens will be added to both the new baseball and softball fields. In past years, the softball field had to be cut out of the soccer field every Spring. The process had created a dip on the corner of the soccer field. In order to fix the damage, the turf over the trench had to be rolled back. Sand was then used to fill in the area and the turf was returned.

The next area for improvement is lighting for the Centenary softball field and the addition of permanent seating for the soccer field. Both projects are expected to be completed this fall. Having lights will provide the coaches with the opportunity to play at night, a flexibilty that will increase student and faculty attendance. Additional permanent seating is also planned for the baseball and the softball fields.

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FALL SEASON KICKS OFF

The Fall athletic season got into full swing over the Labor Day weekend when both Gents' soccer and Ladies' volleyball saw action on the road. The Gents soccer team traveled to Dallas to take on the eighth-ranked Southern Methodist University Mustangs. The Ladies were in Edinburgh, Texas to compete in the the University of Texas at Pan American Tournament.

The Gents dropped a heartbreaker to the Mustangs 3-2 at University Park on August 31. The Gents scored first when sophomore midfielder Jaime Frias (Houston, Texas) gave Centenary a lead just 2:50 into the game on an unassisted goal.

The Mustangs tallied twice to take a 2-1 lead before freshman midfielder Geo Claros (Norman, Oklahoma) brought the Gents even with a goal in the 67th minute. SMU survived the scare when All-America Daniel Hernandez scored at the 78:27 mark.

The Gents rebounded with a victory over TAAC rival Mercer University on Sunday, September 7. In another exciting match, the Gents fell behind 0-1 when Mercer scored in the 75th minute. As a tense crowd looked on, senior forward Tonio Paternostro came off the bench to rally the Gents with two goals in the final six minutes. The win got the Gents off to a great conference start and brought their record back to .500.

The Ladies volleyball team regis-

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...FALL SEASON OPENS

tered its first win for new head coach Frances Blackburn, who took over in March. Junior outside hitter Kim Bolin (Colleyville, Texas) had 14 kills to lead the Ladies to a 15-6, 15-13, 15-9 victory over Texas Southern in the UT-Pan American Tournament, August 30. Bolin's efforts earned her spot on the all-tournament team. Junior outside hitter Erin Sansalone (Slidell) also turned in an outstanding performance, leading the team with 29 kills and a .209 hitting percentage during the two-day event. Prior to its victory, Centenary lost matches to tournament champion McNeese State, runner-up Providence and UT-Pan American.

The Ladies will play their next eight matches on the road, including the Prairie View A & M Tournament (September 5-6) and a Louisiana Tech Tri-Match with Northwestern State (September 16), prior to their opener on September 19 against Jackson State.

Arguably the best team on campus, women's soccer has yet to take the field. The Ladies are favored to defend their 1996 Trans America Athletic Conference West Division championship in the TAAC Preseason Poll. This year they hope to take the next step, a TAAC championship and a chance to play in the NCAA tournament.

Coming off the program's best season (16-3), the Ladies are poised for that run at the NCAA tournament under first-year head coach Jed Jones. They are led by sophomore forward Jacintha Wick (Grand Prairie, Texas), the team's 1996 goal leader with 13. Also back is junior defender Amy Williams (Hurst, Texas). Williams tied for second on the team last season with 10 goals and 24 points and earned first team All-TAAC honors for 1996.

Junior Heather Mahaney (Monroe) will again see the majority of playing time in goal for the Ladies. She started all 19 games a year ago and posted a 1.12 goals against average.

JILL BROWN HIRSCH TO LEAD GYMNASTICS

Former Centenary gymnast Jill Brown Hirsch has been named as the new Ladies Gymnastics head coach. Hirsch replaces Bob Moss who stepped down after 12 seasons as the Ladies' head coach. Hirsch, and her husband Chris, own and operate Jill's Gymnastics, a business that Hirsch opened four months after she graduated from Centenary in 1984.

"We are very excited to have Jill associated with Centenary gymnastics again," said Russ Sharp. "She is a great representative of the tradition that Vannie Edwards began here in the 1970's and 80's."

In fact, Hirsch was a large part of the success that the Ladies enjoyed under Coach Edwards. The Ladies finished as AIAW National Champions her freshman and sophomore years and runner-up her junior and senior years. Hirsch was the 1980 National Champion on the balance beam.

"It is wonderful opportunity for me to come back to Centenary," said Hirsch. "I hope these Ladies will have the kind of positive experience I had at Centenary."

Hirsch, and teammate Jennifer Forshee, are the only two Centenary gymnast, to be named an All-American four years in a row. As a senior, she was given the National Outstanding Gymnast Award.

"I think she is a marvelous choice for the job," said Edwards. "Her enthusiasm and her dedication to Centenary are qualities that will

VICKI PATE NAMED TENNIS COACH

Centenary College Director of Athletics Russ Sharp named Vicky Pate to replace Jimmy Harrison as the new Director of Tennis. Harrison, who retired last Spring, spent 19 years at the helm of Centenary's tennis program.

Pate was formerly the Director of Tennis at Stetson University, a Trans America Athletic Conference opponent of Centenary, from 1987 until 1990. Before that, the 1966 graduate of the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida was the primary head coach of the Lady Hatters team since 1979.

"We are very fortunate to be able to attract someone with Vicki's credentials," said Sharp. "She was very successful at Stetson and we look forward to experiencing that kind of success here."

She coached the Stetson women's team to a top ten ranking in Division II and participation in the national tournament for five years in a row, from 1979 to 1984.

" I'm excited to be coaching at this level again," said Pate. "I feel like this program has a bright future ahead."

ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT OFFICE COMES TO LIFE

At Centenary College, the term "student-athlete" means something special, because Centenary athletes have a history of excellence on the field and in the classroom. In fact, the Gents and Ladies have taken home the Trans America Athletic Conference All-Academic Trophy two out of the last four years and nearly two-thirds of Centenary student athletes have a GPA at or above 3.0.

These feats has been accomplished despite the fact that Centenary athletes must overcome obstacles athletes from other schools do not face. A combination of long conference road trips and a limited class schedule make it difficult for students to cram class, practice, studying, and games into their schedule.

In an effort to continue the success Centenary student -athletes have realized over the years and build toward new goals, the Centenary athletic department has created the Athletic Academic support Office.

Tiffany Gibson will serve as the Academic Support Coordinator while former Centenary golf coach A.W. "Buck" Fulco has signed on as her assistant.

This office will be responsible for tracking the academic progress of all of Centenary's 185 student-athletes. They will work to provide needed tutorial services and administer mandatory study table sessions.

The Athletic Academic Support office was developed to help every program reach two department wide goals: (1) raising the student-athlete GPA at a rate of .1 per year and (2) raising the graduation rate for student athletes 1% per year from its current mark of 54%

1997 CENTENARY BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS

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NEWS AND NOTES

Gold Dome to Host Classic...

Southland Conference commissioner Gregory Sankey announced last month that the 1998 Century Cellunet Southland Conference Classic will be held at the Gold Dome on March 4-7. The event moves from Hirsch Coliseum, where it has been held for the last three years.

Assistant SID Joins Staff...

Craig Lawson joined the Centenary Sports Information Staff on August 20. Lawson, 25, is a 1996 graduate of Cal State Sacramento where he worked in the SID office for four years.

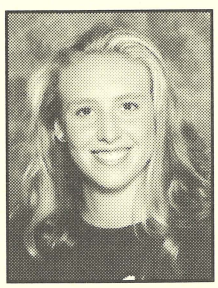
New Trainer Joins Staff...

Pat Ohaver joined the Centenary Athletic training staff in August as a graduate assistant. Ohaver, 23, earned a degree in excercise science from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. He will be primarily responsible for the athletic training needs of soccer and baseball.

New Basketball Coach...

New Head Basketball Coach Billy Kennedy completed his staff by hiring Scott Stapler as his second assistant coach. Stapler, a graduate of Auburn University in 1996, comes to Centenary after serving as a graduate assistant last year at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

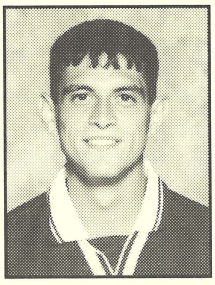
CENTENARY SHINING STARS



KIM BOLIN

SPORT: VOLLEYBALL
POSITION: OUTSIDE HITTER
CLASS: JUNIOR

Kim Bolin will be expected to step up big this year for the Ladies volleyball team. With five newcomers on the 10-women squad, Kim's experience and talent will be a key to the Ladies success.



MARC CASTILLO

SPORT: SOCCER
POSITION: DEFENDER
CLASS: SENIOR

In the true tradition of student-athlete, Marc Castillo is a leader on and off the field for the Gents soccer team. This fall, Marc is faced with the challenge of directing a young Gents squad that has added 22 new players.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

The fall athletic season is in full swing and our athletic teams are off to a great start. The men's soccer team had a great showing against highly ranked SMU and followed that performance with an exciting win against TAAC foe Mercer at home this past weekend. New soccer head coach Jed Jones has done a great job recruiting during the off season. Our Ladies volleyball team has already recorded their first win of the year and are probably headed for their finest year ever under new head coach Fran Blackburn. Our women's soccer and cross country teams will soon be off and running.

The fall season brings a number of new head coaches on board. Former Centenary All-American Gymnast Jill Brown Hirsch and former Stetson head tennis coach Vicky Pate will take charge of our gymnastics and tennis programs. Head Basketball Coach Billy Kennedy reports that his new crop of recruits are here and ready to go as well as Coach Mary Lynn Stuart and her women's golf team which will take to the links for the first time this fall as a varsity sport.

The physical changes at Centenary also continue to take place. A major renovation project at the baseball field is in the final stages. This renovation has been much needed and we are very pleased with the results of the work of Billy Grisham as well as our own Brian Baker and his staff. The soccer field has also been blessed with some new turf work this summer and the addition of several green ash shade trees. The soccer field will also see another addition in a few weeks when our first group of 220 permanent bleachers seats are installed at mid-field. This section will rise ten rows high and stretch 33 feet in length.

Another improvement now complete is the addition of an Academic Support Center for our student-athletes in the Gold Dome. This new area will house our efforts in improving the academic success of our student-athletes. The center will be headed by Tiffany Gibson, who has moved from our Athletic Marketing office and Buck Fulco who was our former head golf coach. Buck and Tiffany will be coordinating our study hall program, all tutoring for student-athletes and our NCAA sponsored Life Skills program.

We have received our final report from the NCAA regarding our Certification process that we began over two years ago. We have submitted our response to their recommendations and suggestions as well as our revised Plan for Gender Equity and Diversity. We should receive our certification decision in October. We will be hosting the Southland Conference Basketball Tournament in the Gold Dome on March 4-7, 1998 so mark your calendars now so we can show our support for this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

14	**Ladies Soccer vs McNeese**	**2 p.m.**
	Gents Soccer vs Col. of Charleston	**12 p.m.**
16	Ladies Volleyball @ La. Tech Tri-Match	6 p.m.
17	Ladies Soccer @ SFA	7 p.m.
19	Gents Soccer @ Tulsa	7 p.m.
	Ladies Volleyball vs Jackson State	**7 p.m.**
20	**Ladies Soccer vs Jacksonville State**	**1 p.m.**
	Ladies Volleyball @ Grambling State	7 p.m.
21	**Ladies Soccer vs Southeastern LA**	**3 p.m.**
	Gents Soccer vs UT-Pan Am	**1 p.m.**
24	**Ladies Soccer vs TCU**	**1 p.m.**
	Gents Soccer vs TCU	**3 p.m.**
27	**Ladies Soccer vs Samford**	**1 p.m.**
	Gents Soccer vs Campbell	**3 p.m.**
	Ladies Volleyball vs Alcorn State	**2 p.m.**
28	**Gents Soccer vs Alabama-Huntsville**	**1 p.m.**

OCTOBER

2	Gents Soccer @ Georgia State	4 p.m.
3	Ladies Soccer @ Samford	1 p.m.
4	Gents Soccer @ Mercer	2 p.m.
	Ladies Volleyball vs Samford	**2 p.m.**
5	Ladies Soccer @ Jacksonville St.	1 p.m.
9	Gents Soccer @ Col. of Charleston	7 p.m.
10	Ladies Soccer @ Southeastern LA	3 p.m.
11	Gents Soccer @ Campbell	7 p.m.
	Ladies Volleyball @ Samford	2 p.m.
12	Ladies Soccer @ McNeese St.	1 p.m.
	Ladies Volleyball @ Alcorn State	2 p.m.
15	Ladies Soccer @ Northwestern St.	4 p.m.

Home Matches in **bold.**
*Trans America Athletic Conference matches.

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CENTENARY SPORTS REPORT

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BASKETBALL SEASON OFF AND RUNNING

Centenary Basketball 1997-98 has begun under the direction of new head coach Billy Kennedy. With a new coach, a new program, and six new players, the team is just beginning to find its rhythm. In addition, the most difficult schedule the Gents have faced in many years has led to a slow start.

"We are a very young team and we knew that it would be tough early on," said Kennedy. "But our goal is to be competitive in the TAAC and compete for a conference championship."

The Gents opened up their season on November 15 in Starkville, Mississippi when they took on the Southeastern Conference member Mississippi State. Three newcomers saw major action in Kennedy's debut, including Lloyd Cook (6-6, 194, Fr., San Jose, CA), Tim Law (5-10, 165, Jr.-Tr, York, AL) and Ronnie McCollum (6-3, 195, F, Fayette, AL) as the Gents played the Bulldogs to a 14-14 tie with 7:31 left in the first half. MSU then went on a 26-2 run over a 10:51 span and that proved to be the 64-40 margin of victory.

Centenary opened its home season four days later when it hosted Southeastern Louisiana on Wednesday, November 19 in front of a raucous Gold Dome crowd. The Gents fell behind by as many as 14 points in the first half, only to storm back and tie the game 41-41 at halftime. The hometown cagers led early in the second half before the Lions broke the game open at the five minute mark and recorded a 85-74 victory.

That trend continued in Monroe against Northeast Louisiana when the Gents trailed by 19 in the second half before cutting the lead to three with 2:11 left. The Indians were able to hit their free throws down the stretch and squeaked out a 73-68 win.

Centenary's fortunes seemed to be turning against the LSU Tigers as the Gentlemen raced to a 13-4 lead before going cold from the field and falling by a final of 59-41.

Next the Gents faced Southland Conference opponent Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, Texas on November 29. Centenary led 35-28 at halftime, but could not hold on as Southwest Texas took a 70-68 win.

After that disappointing result, Centenary had to bounce back two days later and battle the Cougars of the University of Houston. Once again, the Gents started fast and shocked the crowd at Hofheinz Arena with a 28-22 halftime lead. Houston scored 51 points in the second half and held off a late Gent surge to pull off a 73-69 victory.

After a disappointing 88-72 loss to NLU at home, the Gents had to face their fourth Southland Conference team in Northwestern State two days later. After a 3-3 tie early on the Gents grabbed the lead on a dunk by Herbert Lang and never relinquished it. The Demons made a run in the second half, but this time the Gents answered emphatically and cruised to a 69-58 victory.

"This team has shown improvement in almost every game," said Kennedy after his first career win. "The team worked hard all night long on defense and rebounding and they were rewaded with a win. It feels good to get the win and now we can move on."

The 1997-98 Centenary College Gentlemen

(Top, left-right) Reggie Love, Darien Burton, William David, Assistant Scott Stapler, Assistant Kevin Johnson, Student Assistant Josh Stoner, Joseph Rogers, Cornell Hardman, Lloyd Cook (Bottom, left-right) Herbert Lang, Reggie Cooksey, Tim Law, Head Coach Billy Kennedy, Thomas Foster, A.C. Harris, Ronnie McCollum

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CENTENARY COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Centenary College Athletic Department is currently accepting nominations for the Centenary College Athletic Hall of Fame. Please read the criteria and complete the nomination form and then return the form to Russ Sharp, Director of Athletics, Centenary College, P.O. Box 41188, Shreveport, LA 71134-1188. If you have any questions, please call (318) 869-5275.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES

- Recipient must be an ex-student (although not necessarily a graduate), a former coach, manager, or trainer at Centenary College.
- The date of graduation or termination of attendance or employment must have preceded the award by ten years.
- The recipient must have a distinctive contribution to an area of intercollegiate athletics while at Centenary, earning local, regional and/or national acclaim.
- Post collegiate performance will be considered in making the selection.
- A special category is also reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program, although not a student-athlete, coach, manager or trainer.

Presentation of Awards will be made at the Hall of Fame Banquet, Friday, April 3, 1998 at the Shreveport Sheraton. There will be a reception beginning at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Cost is $20 a plate and $160 for a table. Call the athletic department for more information at (318) 869-5119. Deadline for nominations is Friday December 26th.

1987: Jake L. Hanna*
Connie Mack Rae
1988: Paul "Hoss" Geisler*
Robert Parish
1989: Conway Baker
Cecil Upshaw*
1990: Robert "Cal" Hubbard*
Tom Kerwin
1991: Files "Dutch" Binion
Hal Sutton
1992: Kathy Johnson-Clarke
Raymond "Buddy" Parker*
1993: Harold "Shorty" Oslin*
Manning Smith
1994: Orvis Sigler
1995: Walter C. "Cowboy" Hohmann*
1996: F.H. Buss Delaney*
Vannie Edwards
Lauren Cotter-Ingram
Willie Jackson
1997: James "Cotton" Barnes
Kathy Nester Bolton
Lenny Fant
Mike McCarthy
Cherokee "Chief" Rhone
Edward "Touchdown" Townson

CENTENARY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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Full Name of Nominee:_____ Address of Nominee:_____

Reasons for nomination (List activities and contributions;provide a biographical statement about the nominee)_____

Name of Nominator:_____ Address of Nominator:_____

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CENTENARY RECEIVES NCAA CERTIFICATION

A process that began two and a half years ago is finally over as Centenary College received word on November 20 that it has received its NCAA certification.

"The entire college community is pleased on receiving the news of the unconditional certification of our athletic program after our review by the NCAA and the Southern Association of Colleges," said President Kenneth L. Schwab.

The NCAA requires that its member schools go through a process that includes a self-study by the athletic department and a four-day, on campus inspection by a "peer team" made up of administrators from universities and athletic departments around the country.

"I'm very happy with the news that we received today regarding our certification by the NCAA," said Director of Athletics Russ Sharp upon hearing the good news. "Our goal when we started this process in the Spring of 1995 was to achieve certification with no conditions and we've reached that goal."

Director of Facility Services David Martin (left) and Director of Athletics Russ Sharp (right) pitch in on the effort to erect the new permanent seating bleachers on the Centenary soccer field. The structure, which can seat up to 300 fans, allows a spectacular view of the field. It is hoped that similar permanent structures can be added to the Centenary softball and baseball fields in the future.

FALL SPORTS WRAP UP SEASON

Once again the Centenary Ladies soccer team led the way this Fall, finishing with an overall record of 14-4, and winning the Trans America Athletic Conference Western Division with a perfect 5-0 record in the regular season. The Ladies opened the season with five straight victories and followed that with a seven game win streak.

Sophomore Jacintha Wick (14 goals, 6 assists) and freshman Holly Duncan (13 points, 5 assists) led an offense that finished the regular season ranked second in the nation for goals scored per game. Wick, Duncan, freshman Lara Brown, junior Mary Cholley, and Daniela Sarquiz were named to the 1997 LSWA All-Louisiana women's soccer team as Centenary dominated five of the 10 spots. Wick picked up player-of-the-year honors while Duncan was named freshman-of-the-year.

The Gents soccer team finished the 1997 season 5-11-1. The Gents started strong with three wins in their first four games, including TAAC wins over Mercer University and College of Charleston.

The outlook is better for next year as the Gents, at one time or another, started seven different freshman and nine different sophomores in Jed Jones first year as head coach.

Speaking of new coaches, Frances Blackburn finished her first year as head coach of the Centenary Ladies' volleyball team. The Ladies graduate only one senior off of this year's squad that finished 9-21, but look to be improving as they set 12 school records, including season kills, assists, and aces.

Junior Kim Bolin set individual records for career kill attempts and kills plus single season marks for kill attempts, kills, and kill percentage.

NEWS AND NOTES

Centenary Hosts Basketball Alumni Game...

The Athletic Department will host a Centenary Gentlemen basketball alumni game on Saturday February 7, 1998. Basketball and breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. The Gents host TAAC rival Jacksonville State later that afternoon at 1:05 p.m. All basketball alumnus who are interested in playing should call (318) 869-5119.

Marketing Intern Joins Staff...

Andre Seoldo joined the athletic marketing staff on October 1st. He replaces Tiffany Gibson who became the Athletic Academic Support Coordinator. Seoldo is a 1997 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts where he received a B.S. in athletic training. Since his arrival, he has been a vital part of the most aggressive marketing campaign by the Centenary athletic department in many years. Seoldo was an All-Yankee Conference punter for the Huskies during his senior year.

SLC Tournament...

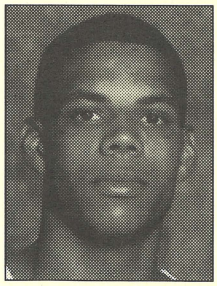
A reminder that the Southland Conference Tournament will be held on March 4-7 in the Gold Dome. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 1-888-735-7524.

CENTENARY SHINING STARS

MICHELLE REEVE

SPORT: SOFTBALL
POSITION: INFIELDER
CLASS: SENIOR
HOMETOWN: SHREVEPORT, LA

One of Centenary's best in the classroom, Michelle was rewarded for her softball talents when she was drafted by the Tampa Bay Firestix of the Women's Professional Fastpitch League. Reeve was drafted in the 7th round, 39th overall.



CORNELL HARDMAN

SPORT: BASKETBALL
POSITION: FORWARD
CLASS: JUNIOR
HOMETOWN: OWASSO, OKLAHOMA

Cornell's 15 points and inspired play helped lead an emotional Gents basketball team to their first victory of the season on December 10 against Northwestern State. Cornell, who carries a 3.3 GPA has been named to the Dean's List twice.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

The Centenary Gents are already several games into the season and the crowds in the Gold Dome have been pleased with the new intensity of coach Billy Kennedy's team. By the time you receive this Centenary Sports Report, we will have already finished all of our pre-holiday home dates in the Gold Dome, but mark your calendars now for January 3rd when the Gents take on defending Trans America Athletic Conference champs College of Charleston at 1:05 p.m. in the Gold Dome.

I have written many times in this column about our efforts to achieve Certification from the NCAA. This effort began in the spring of 1995 and involved the hard work of everyone in the athletic department, all of our student-athletes, numerous faculty members and many, many individuals from the community. Dr. Robert Ed Taylor chaired our self-study until his retirement when Dr. David Bedard took over and did an outstanding job in preparing the final version of our self-study. The peer review team which included a college president, a dean of admissions, two assistant athletic directors, an athletic director and a faculty member from other colleges spent four days on our campus conducting interviews this past April filed their report with the NCAA. We had an opportunity to review a draft of the report this past August and we responded with a stronger plan for improvement in the areas of academic support, gender equity and diversity. This past October, the NCAA Committee on Athletic Certification voted on our status and determined that we should be certified. My hat is off to Dr. David Bedard and everyone else involved in this rewarding but time consuming process.

The renovation work on the baseball field has been completed and coach Mark Linden is very proud of his refurbished facility. Grounds Improvement Manager, Brian Baker and his crew have done an outstanding job with all of our fields this fall. The new rye grass is up on the soccer, baseball, and softball fields and they look as lush as ever. Our new permanent bleachers on the soccer field were up in time for the last half of the soccer season and they have really made an impact. Thanks to the Shreveport Futbol Club and the Highland Clinic for making this project possible.

Planning is moving forward quickly for the Southland Conference Basketball Tournament at the Gold Dome on March 4-7, 1998. Ticket information will be included in the next issue of the Centenary Sports Report. Please help us give the Southland Conference a great tournament setting.

Sincerely,

Russ Sharp

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

DECEMBER

13-14	Zippy's Tournament (Honolulu, Hawaii)	
18	Gents Basketball @ Arkansas	7:05 p.m.
21	Gents Basketball @ Rice	3 p.m.
29	Gents Basketball @ Colorado	7 p.m.

JANUARY

3	*Gents Basketball vs Col. of Charleston	1:05p.m.
5	*Gents Basketball @ Campbell	7 p.m.
10	*Gents Basketball @ Stetson	6:30 p.m.
12	*Gents Basketball @ Central Florida	6:30 p.m.
15	*Gents Basketball vs Mercer	7:05 p.m.
17	*Gents Basketball vs Georgia State	1:05 p.m.
23	*Gents Basketball @ Troy State	3 p.m.
29	*Gents Basketball @ Samford	7 p.m.
31	*Gents Basketball @ Jacksonville State	7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2	*Gents Basketball vs Troy State	7:05 p.m.
4	Ladies Softball @ SFA	3 / 5 p.m.
5	*Gents Basketball vs Samford	7:05 p.m.
6-8	Gents Baseball @ Pelican State Tourn.	TBA
7	*Gents Basketball vs Jacksonville State	1:05 p.m.
	Ladies Softball @ Louisiana Tech	1 / 3 p.m.
10	Gents Baseball @ Louisiana Tech	6 p.m.
11	Gents Baseball @ McNeese State	6 p.m.
12	*Gents Basketball @ Georgia State	5 p.m.
13	Gents Baseball vs LSU-Shreveport	6 p.m.
	Ladies Softball @ Univ. of Florida Tourn.	TBA
14	*Gents Basketball @ Mercer	6 p.m.
15	Gents Baseball vs Sam Houston State	2 p.m.

*Trans America Athletic Conference matches.

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